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THE STATE FAIR!

THIRD DAY.

MUD VERSUS DUST.

A Good Day Notwithstanding the Rain.

Receipts, $2,600

Awards of Premiums.

Election of Officers.

The third day of the fair, whic is ordinarily one of the the best in the week, was by no means an absolute failure, as was predicted by the croakers who could see nothing but the rain in the morning. It is true that nothing has a more *dampening* influence on a fair than rain, but when the people are thoroughly imbued with the idea that they *must* see the cattle, horses, hogs, poultry, machinery and other features of the exhibition a shower seems onlyt o add zest to the enjoyment of the occasion, which has its greatest pleasures in the difficulties that lie the way. The rain which began at six o'clock yesterday morning was no mere summer shower, but a regular deluge, the water pouring down in perfect torrents and flooding the streets in a few minutes. The sprinkling carts were beaten, and can doubtless be bought to-day at a large discount on their first cost. However, the rain did not serve to put much of a stop to the labors of those who use the fair as an opportunity for the accumulation of filthy lucre, the hack and cab drivers being out in full force early in the morning, all eager to brave the inconveniences of the mud—for a consideration. The country people came pouring into town early in the morning, having probably started before the rain began to fall, and long before noon the fair grounds contained "a good many people to the acre." The occasional showers throughout the day had the effect of driving most of the crowd to the shelter of the amphitheater and exhibition halls, all of which were thronged the entire day.

The Clerk of the weather, in his magnanimous efforts to save the Society the expense of sprinkling the grounds and laying the dust, which promised to be so annoying, rather overdid the business, and the consequence was that the places where only dust existed on Tuesday, had become seas of sticky mud, while the low grounds were a mass of both mud and water. Altogether, the aspect of affairs was not pleasant. Men waded about with the lower portions of their bifurcated garments tucked inside their boot legs, and thus managed to get along with some degree of comfort, but not so with the fairer portion of humanity. Fashion, which decrees so many fantastic things, dictates for them the use of garments which seem to have been invented with a fiendish view of making the wearers as miserable as possible, by being in the way at the most inopportune moments. Whether in the stage coach, the railroad car, the ball room, the street or the fair grounds, skirts are the same source of annoyance to the unhappy wearer thereof, and add no little to the discomforts which seem to be the lot of femininity. Indeed, some irreverent scribbler has said that the punishment inflicted upon our first parents for their transgression was the invention of base ball clubs for the men and long skirts for the women. However this may be, certain it is that the wearing of the latter on an occasion like yesterday affords ample food for inquiry as to whether there might not be some better and more convenient garment for our women. Yesterday it was a painful sight to see so many bedraggled dresses, and the reflection that the washerwoman's bills would be so largely augmented gave a decidedly practical turn to the subject. But it is not likely that anything short of a revolution would be sufficient to effect such a sensible change in the fashions of the female world, and we fear the ladies are doomed to wear muddy skirts whenever they attend a State Fair on a rainy day.

A feature of yesterday, not before observable, was the number of wagons on the west side of the grounds, in which people from a distance had traveled to the fair, using them at night for sleeping purposes. The number of these vehicles is quite large, and showed that the interest felt by the occupants in seeing the sights of the fair was of no ordinary nature.

The showers which fell during the forenoon, and the gloom which prevailed throughout most of the day, had the effect of shutting up the side shows, the enterprising proprietors of which could not even prevail upon the people to "come in out of the wet." At three o'clock, however, the sun shone out brilliantly for a few moments, which was the signal for the showmen to mount their rostrums and make the welkin ring with their invitations to the people to "walk in and see the greatest of living curiosities."

The booth men were busy all day, for if people could do nothing else they could eat, and the promenade beneath the the balcony of the amphitheater was crowded all the time with a hungry host, munching pies and devouring cold ham with an appetite that was not fastidious enough to pay much attention to the quality of the provender. Coffee without cream, bread without butter, eggs without salt—all were gulped down without a qualve, and everybody appeared happy despite the circumstances.

The faces one met in the different halls and on the amphitheater were mostly strangers, and to one acquainted with our country people the conclusion was irresistible that most of the crowd come from abroad. Very few Decatur people were present, though the attendance was so large—an evidence that the crowd would have been enormous if the weather had been less inclement.

FARM IMPLEMENTS.

The rain had its worst effect upon the exhibitors of farm implements, who, being out in the weather, could not get the people to come out of the shelter of the buildings to look at their machinery. Indeed, most of the machinery was covered with tarpaulins, and sheltered in the best manner the circumstances, would permit. The few persons who braved the rain to see the machinery were pretty well distributed over the large space allotted to farm implements, the section devoted to the Decatur Agricultural Works coming in for its full share of attention. The office of Murray & Park proved to be quite a convenience, during the rain, but the agents who make it their headquarters took advantage of every lull in the storm to look after their machines.

One of the novelties of this department is G. W. Dickinson's Combination Cultivator, which consists of a corn planter, wheat drill, roller and harrow, combined in one machine. By an ingenious contrivance the roller is converted into wheels for pressing down the covering it of the corn, and the method of converting into a harrow is exceedingly simple. The whole contrivance appears to be eminently practical its greatest virtue consisting in the fact that the farmer who purchases one of these implements has four very useful farming utensils all of which can be stowed away in a small space when not in use—an item of vast importance to prairie farmers who have but limited shelter for their implements. The machine is manufactured by Dayton & Mitchell, Charleston, Ill., who have State, county and township rights for sale. We advise all our readers to see this novel machine.

MECHANICS HALL.

This building, which is always full of interest to those having a practical turn of mind, was crowded all day. The washing machines, churns, dish washers, and other household necessities, never fail to interest the fair goers.

The Babcock Fire Extinguisher attracted great attention and universal commendation. Every one will be interested in the Grand Exhibition which comes off inside the arena to day at 12 o'clock. Col. Jacobs the agent of the Babcock will take pleasure in answering any questions about it, being desirous that every man shall understand it. It is certainly a subject to every one to learn that there is safe, simple and sure protection against fire which can be used *instantly* and by any one, and we are confident that "The Babcock Extinguisher," is *just that thing*. Go everybody and see the exhibition.

In this hall may also be seen the Excelsior Fire Extinguisher, which has achieved so wide a reputation in a short time as a protection against fire. The feature which distinguishes this minature engine from others of its class is the device for breaking the bottle, which holds the acid, thus securing instantaneous action in producing the gas which operates on the fire. It will pay anybody who has properly exposed to fire to examine into the merits of this capable little machine.

TEXTIE FABRICS HALL.

It was feared in the beginning of the week that the display in this department would not be very satisfactory, but the fact is different. The hall is now well filled, and is one of the chief attractions to the ladies who flock there in crowds to look at the beautiful specimens of needle work, knitting, &c., and to examine the many fine goods on exhibition. Several woolen mills are represented in this department, but to our mind none of the fabrics exhibited will compare in excellence with those of Boyd, Haskell & Co., of this city. One of the novelties in this department is a pair of silk stockings exhibited by Mrs. J. Nearing, of Atlanta, Ill. Mrs. N. raised the silk worms, made the thread and knit the hose with her own hands—a new branch of industry for Illinois. Mrs. N also exhibits beautiful silk thread of her own manufacture. The curiosity loving should not fail to see these articles.

FLORAL HALL.

The horticulturists are out in stronger force than was at first anticipated. The choicest displays are those of apples, of which the show is very fine. The space usually allotted to fruits proving too small for the proper exhibition of all the fruits entered some have been placed in the second story of the building, in which there is ample room, owing to the limited display of works of art. Outside this building and near to it are several fine lots of evergreens and other nursery stock.

The receipts yesterday amounted to $2,600—a very fair result considering horrible weather.

PREMIUMS.

The following premiums were awarded yesterda:

CLASS A, NO. 1—SHORT HORN BULLS.

Best bull 4 years and over, first premium to Wm. Sandusky, of Indianola, Ill., on "Johnson's Duke of Clark." Second to Judge Steven Dunlap, of Jacksonville, on "Mauva'sterre."

Best bull three years old and under four, first premium to J. H. Pickrell, of Harristown, Ill., on "Baron Booth, of Lancaster." Second premium to J. N. Brown's sons, of Berlin, Ill., on "Tycoon."

Best bull 2 years old and under 3, first premium to Edward Ries, of Springfield, Ill., on Canadian Prince." Second premium to A. C. Shropshire, of Leesburg, Ky., on "Red Mountain."

Best bull of 1 year and under 2, first premium to A. C. Shropshire, of Leesburg, Ky., on "Townsend Duke." Second premium to W. C. Duncan, of Towanda, Ill., on "Senator."

Best bull calf under 1 year, and over 6 months, first premium to J. H. Spears, of Tallula, Ill., on "Major Jones," Second premium to J. B. Ryburn & Bro., Bloomington, Ill., on "Sweepstakes."

Best bull calf under 6 months first premium to George Murray, of Racine, Wis., on "Pearl of Oakland." Second premium to E. Welton, of Marrowbone, Ill., on "Alexander."

CLASS B, NO. 15—DRAUGHT HORSES.

Best brood mare, over 4 years, first premium to VanOrndorff, of Hopedale, Ill., on "Josephine." Second premium to E. Dillon & Co., of Normal, Ill., on "Lady Hatty."

Best mare three years old and under 4, first premium to J. L. Owen, of Mokena, on "Bell." Second premium to E. Dillon, of Normal, Ill., on "Anna Lee."

Best mare 2 years and under 3, first premium to Gilman Shelton, of Normal, Ill., on———. Second premium to E. Dillon & Co., on "Lucy."

Best filley 1 and under 2 years, first premium to E. Dillon & Co., of Normal, Ill., on "Rosa Bonheur." Second premium to same, on "Theresa."

Best suckling mare colt, first premium to E. Dillon & Co, on "Josephine." Second premium to same.

The biennial election of officers of the State Agricultural Society took place at Powers' Hall last evening, with the following result:

President—David A. Brown, of Sangamon county.

Vice President State at Large—John P. Reynolds, of Cook county.

1st District—A. H. Dolton, Cook county.

2d District—James Herrington, Kane county.

3d District—C. H. Rosenstiel, Stephenson county.

4th District—Geo. Edmonds, jr., Hancock county.

5th District—A. J. Danlap, Knox county.

6th District—Emory Cobb, Kankakee county.

7th District—J. R. Scott, Champaign county.

8th District—S. D. Fisher, Logan county.

9th District— —— Vittum, Fulton county.

10th District—M. C. Goltra, Morgan county.

11th District—C. H. Webster, Marion county.

12th District—D. B. Gillham, Madison county.

13th District—D. T. Parker, Alexander county.

Secretary—A. M. Garland, Sangamon county.

Treasurer—John W. Bunn, Sangamon county.

The programme for to-day will be as follows:

CLASS A—CATTLE:

Lot 2—Short-Horn Cows and Heifers.
Lot 9—Herds.

CLASS B—HORSES.

Lot 13—Roadsters.
Lot 16—Saddle Horses.
Lot 18—Gentlemen's Driving Horses.

CLASS D—SWINE.

Lot 33—Poland and China or Magic.
(This Lot is erroneously numbered 23 in list)
Lot 34—Suffolk, China, Essex, etc.
Lot 35—All large breeds, except Berkshire, Chester White, and Magie.

CLASS E—POULTRY.

Lot 37—Poultry.

The Merit of the Babcock Extinguisher will be put to the test on a pile of tar and oil barrels, under the direction of a special committee, on the fair ground at noon to-day.

Quinlan & Brother—A Few Words about the Exclusive Carpet House.—Visitors attending the State Fair will do well to call at the exclusive Carpet House of W. J. Quinlan & Bro., on East Main street. Their stock is large, the goods of excellent quality, and prices ex- of carpeting, from the hemp and rag up to the rich and gorgeous Turkey and Brussels, tremly low. Their stock embraces all kinds suitable for cottage, mansion, office or business house.

The proprietors, Messrs. Quinlan & Bro., are business men of energy and go-ahead enterprise, and gentlemen who, by their affability, and fair dealing have made hosts of appreciative friends and customers. Their goods of the best quality, and they sell the same as low as the can procured in Chicago or any of the eastern cities.

The greatest improvement of the age—Lapham's new art gallery, Opera Block.

If you want Photos, good, and true to life, you can get them at Pitner's Photo Gallery over J. R. Race's. [4d.

The Rain Falls, the fair goes on, and all the people go to Liddle's two stores Nos. 22 and 24, Stapp's Block, south side new square, for stoves, tinware, queensware and glassware.

The new Rembrandt Photo is only made to perfection at Lapham's new art gallery, Opera Block, first floor.

Buy the simplest machine of any kind that will do the required work. Of all the sewing machines of which we have any knowledge the "Weed" is the most simple, and besides, it is the lightest to run and the easiest to operate. Look at it before purchasing. D. Espy & Co., Agts.

A Plain Fact.—People may talk and write about plain facts, but the most apparant fact in our knowledge is that if the hungry will call at Knotts & Harryman's on Merchant street, they will find there the choicest viands, served up in a style fit for the most epicurean taste.

Free show of *Fine Arts* at A. Milt. Lapham's art gallery, Opera Block, first floor. CALL.

Health and Enjoyment.—A character which combines the love of enjoyment with the love of duty, and the ability to perform it, is the one whose unfoldings give the greatest promise of perfection. The way to enjoy life is to make it a special point to buy your groceries and provisions of A. H. Imboden, south Main street. The proprietor is a gentleman who can be strictly relied on at all times. His stock can not be surpassed, his prices are low and the prepartions he has made for the fair are most excellent.

While looking through "Art Hall," do not fail to see D. Espy & Co.'s display of picture frames, &c. They have a large stock of these frames in store, all of which they sell at lowest cash prices.

Photographs, as good and cheap as can be had in the city, at Pitner's Gallery.

The fair is a success, and so are Pitner's photographs. Give him a call, and satisfy yourselves. [4d.

Remember the trial of the Babcock Extinguisher on the fair ground to-day at 12 o'clock.

The finest Photos made in the country can be had at Lapham's art gallery, Opera Block, first floor.

Have you water proof Shoes?—The rain of yesterday brings to mind the fact that nothing is so sure to bring on colds and sickness as wet feet. Therefore, if your shoes leak, go at once to Wessels, on Water Street, and get a new pair. Don't go slopping around town or to the fair grounds with leaky boots, it is cheaper in the long run to pay for a new pair than to risk the chance of a spell of sickness. Wessels keeps a large stock of the best of goods.

Go and See the Babcock Fire Extinguisher tried on a fire of kerosene, tar, &c. to-day at 12 o'clock.

D. Espy & Co. have a lot of stereoscopes and views, which they are willing to sell at low prices.

Old Likenesses copied, enlarged, and worked in India Ink and water colors, at Pitner's Gallery, over J. R. Race's. 4d.

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SOMETHING NEW IN CORN PLANTING.

Haworth's Check Rower.

All farmers can readily appreciate the advantage to be gained by having their corn planted so that it can be plowed both ways, and every one knows how difficult it is to gain this end by the use of any of the ordinary hand-dropping planters. No matter how perfectly the ground may be "laid off," nor how carefully the corn is dropped, it is almost impossible to get the rows exactly straight both ways. The great desideratum is to get a machine which will do this work better than it can be done by hand, and at less expense. This end has been reached by the inventor of HAWORTH'S CHECK ROWER, an implement which has been before the public but a short time, but which has so far succeeded in doing everything claimed for it, and which promises to work an entire revolution in the manner or planting corn.

The device is very simple and can be attached to any and all of the horse corn planters now in use. It consists of a bar that reaches from feed box to feed box, which has two short upright levers, with a claw at their extremities. Through this claw in the levers is made to pass a line or rope with knots at regular intervals, said rope or line having sufficient length to reach across the field to be planted. One end of the rope passes out at one side of the planter and is fastened in the ground with a pin, and the other end passes out at the other side, and is fastened in the same way to the ground. The line stretched across the field serves as a guide in that direction, and the knots serve as the markers for the transverse, or check rows. The knots passing through the claw levers operate the hand lever common to all machines, and thus drops the seed automatically. All that a farmer has to do with one of these machines is to drive his team. The machine does all the rest. There is no marking of rows before planting, consequently this process insures that the seed goes into fresh, moist ground.

These advantages are patent to any one who will for a moment consider the value in saving the marking off of the ground in check rows; in saving the weight of a man on the planter, besides his time; but the greatest gain is the fact that with this machine you can plant the corn the same day the ground is broken up, which gain alone would, in the year 1869, have made millions of bushels of prairie corn for the State of Illinois alone. It plants with accuracy, making a row of corn that can be plowed both ways with perfect ease

The success achieved by this machine, although it has been before the public but two seasons, demonstrates the fact that it is no longer an experiment, but that it has already taken its place among the great labor-saving implements of modern agriculture. About five hundred check rowers were manufactured last spring, most of which were sold to the best farmers in Central Illinois, and their testimony is unanimous on the question of the utility and excellence of the machine. A number were also sold in Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, from which states the most flattering testimonials have been received, testifying to the high esteem in which they are held by those who have practically tested their merits.

We append a few from among the mass of testimonials received by the manufacturers of the Check Rower:

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug 31, 1870.

G. W. CROSTHWAIT, Decatur, Ill., *Sir:*—At your request I have to state that the Check Rower I bought of you last spring gave entire satisfaction. My corn planted with it, whether in square pieces or point rows, is straighter than I have ever had dropped from a planter by hand.

Yours truly, B. C. BERRY.

DECATUR, ILL., August 25, 1870.

MESSRS HAYWORTH & SONS:—I used one of your Check Rowers last season, and take great pleasure in recommending it as a great money-saving implement, dropping the corn straight enough for all practical purposes. J. G. TAYLOR.

TAYLORVILLE, ILL., Aug. 20, 1870.

MESSRS HAWORTH & SONS:—I bought two of your Check Rowers last spring of J. B. Hatch & Co., of this place. They both planted about 500 acres of corn, and I can cheerfully say that I never had my corn planted as well since I began to farm, which is twenty-eight years. I recommend them to farmers as a labor-saving implement. Yours truly, J B. CLARK.

WIOTA, WIS, Aug. 15, 1870.

G. W. CROSTHWAIT, Gen'l Ag't for Iowa, *Dear Sir:*—In reply to your inquiry how I like Haworth's Check Rower I have only to say, that it does its work well, much better than any other way I have ever tried for planting a field of corn, for the reason that the rows are straight, and the hills are nearer an equal distance from each other than I have ever had them. My hired man done the planting—80 acres in all—in five different parcels, long and short rows, as farmers call them, over rolling ground, with sharp ravines and centre points, most of the ground being very rough when planted. Without any instruction how to use the Rower, never having heard of such a machine before seeing this one, and with little expectation on my part of ever making rows other than what was made with the planter, one way; but when the corn came up we found it well rowed in checks. It is a good machine—saves labor, and does its work better than can be done by hand. Yours truly,

HENRY W. BARNES

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., Aug. 19, 1870.

MESSRS. HAWORTH & SONS:—Having used one of your Check Rowers the past season, I can cheerfully recommend it to do all you claimed for it. It saves a hand and does its work better than almost any hand-dropping. It is a success. A man won't do without it when he knows what it is. MONROE BARNES.

The Check Rower may be seen on the fair grounds, where all interested are invited to call and examine its merits.

DECATUR WOOLEN MILLS.

This establishment, owned and operated by Messrs. Boyd, Haskell & Co., is on Broadway, at the crossing of the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railroad. It was originally erected about ten years ago, was destroyed by fire, in July, 1868. Was rapidly rebuilt of brick, 40 by 112 feet, three stories high. It employs thirty-five hands. On the ground floor is the engine-room, where a 40-horse power engine furnishes the motive power. Adjoining this in an L is the boiler, the dye room and the drying-room over the same. In the main building on the ground floor is the finishing-room, where the final touches are given to the cloth before putting it into rolls for sale. On the next floor are eleven looms for weaving, including one wide one for blankets. Did you ever see a loom in operation, reader? If not it is time you did, for if ever a creature of iron could be made to be almost human, it is a loom If a single thread breaks or a shuttle fails to go through the whole width of the cloth, the loom stops instantly, and waits to have the defect remedied. On the same floor are two sets of carding machines. We will not attempt to describe them They are too wonderful in their construction. On the third floor there are two picking machines, for picking the wool and preparing it for the carding machine; three massive spinning jennies containing 240 spindles, each spindle working independently, and here again is shown the wonderful ingenuity of man; for the whole mass stops spinning if one thread breaks, one machine for making "double and twist." We are not well enough versed in machinery to describe this last apparatus. It is so complex that one needs to watch it sometime to fully understand its *modus operandi.*

This establishment manufactures nearly 400 yards of cloth, 200 pounds of stocking yarn, and 150 pounds of "country rolls," as they are called, per day. The goods made by Messrs. B., H. & Co. will compare favorably in quality with those manufactured elsewhere, and in this vicinity none sell so well. Farmers, and the public generally, desiring to procure woolen goods of first-class manufacture at reasonable prices, should patronize this mill. Specimens of their cloth, etc., on exhibition at the fair, will show what they can do

THE WEIR CULTIVATOR.

We desire to call the attention of farmers to the advertisement of the Weir Plow Company, in another column. Their agents, Messrs. Murray & Park, sold a large numbers of the above cultivators during the past season, and they have universally given entire satisfaction. That this is an implement of great practical utility to the farmer is evidenced by the great success it is achieving. *More than 7,000 were sold this season*, and 10,000 will be manufactured for the trade the coming season. The demand for this cultivator from all portions of the country is such that the company will soon be compelled to increase its manufacturing facilities. No machine has a better reputation, and doubtless it will always remain in the front rank of the labor-saving implements.—It has stood the test for the past eight years, and is constantly growing in popular favor. This valuable plow has received a host of premiums at state and county fairs. There over 25,000 in use, and we feel warranted in recommending it as one of the very best cultivators ever introduced. It is simple and easily operated, and in every respect it is an implement that possesses more than ordinary merit. Sample cultivators are now on exhibition at the fair grounds. Call and see them.

A Long Branch confectioner expresses himself thus: "Them Grants hain't done our business no kind o' good this summer. Why, just think, they only git ice cream twice a week, Wednesdays and Sundays, and not so very much at that."

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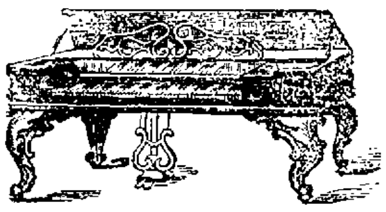

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Figures, Facts and Fancies.

The Singer Manufacturing Company in 1869 sold **86,781** Machines. These figures, and those given below, are from sworn returns (to which any one can have access) made to the receiver, appointed by the owners of valuable Sewing Machine Patents, who license most of the companies of lesser importance.

In 1869 the SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY sold over the

LEAVITT S. M. Co.	86,610	Machines
PARHAM S. M. Co.	85,000	Do
FINKLE & LYON MANU'G CO.	85,442	do
ÆTNA S. M. Co.	82,233	do
AMER. BUTTON-HOLE Co	78,089	do
EMPIRE S. M. Co.	78,081	do
FLORENCE S. M. Co.	73,140	do
WILCOX & GIBBS S. M. Co	69,580	do
WEED S. M. Co.	67,113	do
GROVER & BAKER S. M. Co.	51,793	do
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Queensware,
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Direct freight to Decatur just received.

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Have now on hand a large and well selected stock of all kinds of

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Flooring, Siding,
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And everything else in that line,

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☞ Mill and Yard on Eldorado street, near the Illinois Central Railroad.

Decatur, Sept. 26, 1870.

GEO. SMELSLEY,
BOOT & SHOEMAKER.
No. 38 East Main St.,

BEGS leave to inform the public that he is now manufacturing

Boots and Shoes,

Of all Kinds, and of the very best Quality.

☞ None but the best workmen employed, and no [illegible]

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March 21, '70-ly.

DOTY'S

WASHING-MACHINE

Lately much Improved—and the new

Universal Clothes Wringer!

Improved with ROWELL'S PATENT DOUBLE COG-WHEELS, and the PATENT STOP, are now unquestionably superior to any apparatus for washing clothes ever invented, and will save their cost twice a year, by saving labor and clothes.

Those who have used them give testimony as follows:

"We like our machine much; could not be persuaded to do without it, and with the aid of Doty, we feel that we are masters of the position."—*Rev. L. Scott, Bishop M. E. Church.*

"It is worth one dollar a week in any family."—*N. Y. Tribune.*

"In the laundry of my house there is a perpetual thanksgiving on Mondays for the invention."—*Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler.*

"Every week has given it a stronger hold upon the affections of the inmates of the laundry."—*N. Y. Observer.*

"I heartily commend it to economists of time, money, and contentment."—*Rev. Dr. Bellows.*

"Friend Doty—Your last improvement of your Washing Machine is a complete success. I assure you 'our Machine,' after a year's use, is thought more of to-day than ever, and would not be parted with under any circumstances."—*Solon Robinson.*

"Your Washing Machine has been in daily use in our laundry, and the housekeeper expresses herself as highly pleased with it. It certainly accomplishes a greater amount of work, with less labor, and does not wear the clothes near so much as the old fashioned wash-board. By using it, one laundress is dispensed with."—*Wm. M. F. Round, Superintendent of Infant Department of St. Catharine's Nursery, N. Y. City.*

"I have had one of the Universal Wringers in my house, and it has been used every week for over five years, and is now as good as new. I have also had a Doty Washer for some three years, which we use every week, and could not easily get along without. It is as good as ever, and will last years yet."—*E. D. Van Slyck, Esq., Editor Dem. Republican, Hamilton, N. Y.*

The *N. Y. Weekly Tribune*, of Dec. 15, 1869, in answer to a correspondent, says: "Of Washers, there is *none to be compared* with Doty's."

PRICES—A Fair Offer.

If the Merchants in your place will not furnish or send for the Machines, send us the retail price, Washer $14, Extra Wringer, $9, and we will forward either or both machines, free of freight, to places where no one is selling, and so sure are we they will be liked, that we agree to refund the money if any one wishes to return the machines free of freight, after a month's trial, according to directions.

No husband, father or brother should permit the drudgery of washing with the hands, fifty-two days in the year, when it can be done better, more expeditiously, with less labor, and no injury to the garments, by a *Doty Clothes Washer, and a Universal Wringer.*

Sold by dealers generally, to whom liberal discounts are made.

R. C. BROWNING,
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M. HAWORTH,

Dealer in all kinds of

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The Highest Market Prices Paid for

Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye and Barley.

☞ Warehouse at the Morgan street crossing of T., W. & W. R. R.

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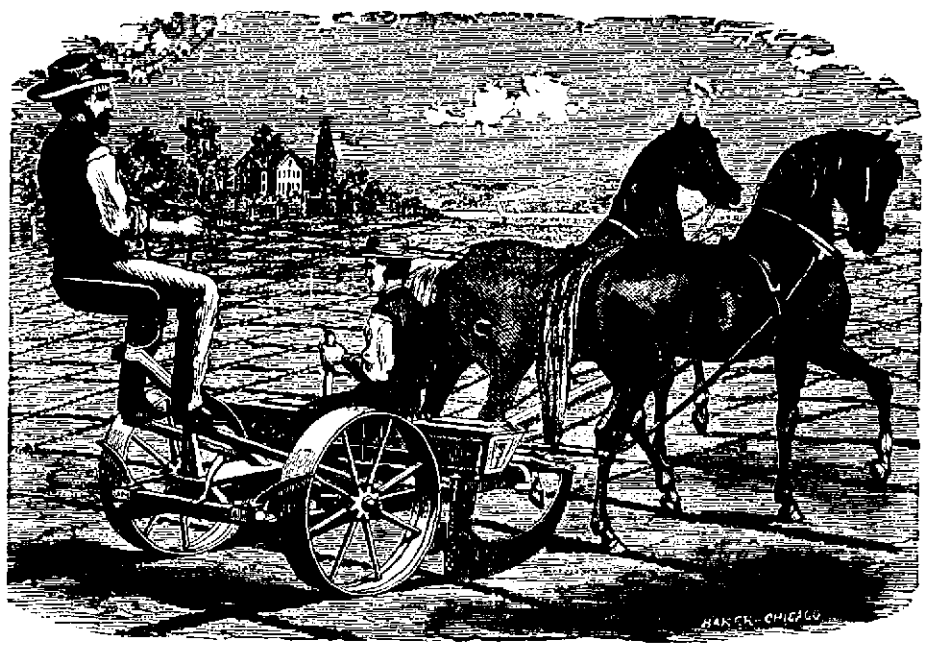

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SOMETHING NEW FOR 1871.

Drops from an OPEN HEEL.

On Exhibition at the Fair. DON'T FAIL TO SEE IT.

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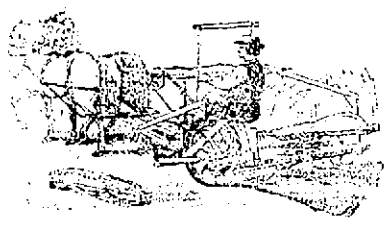
Wood's Self-Rake Reaper.

1871. 1871.



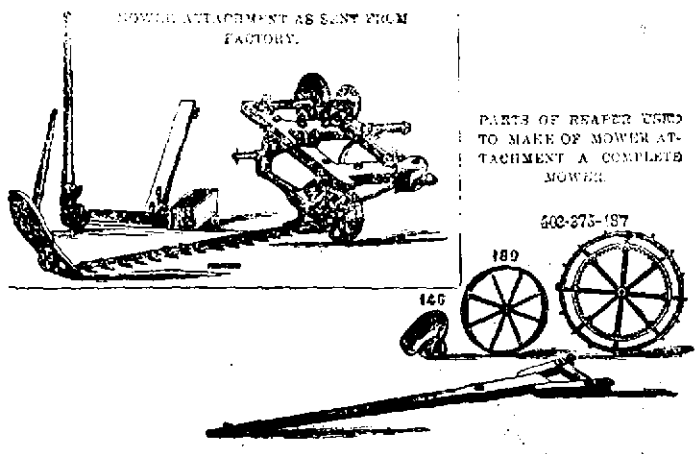
THE unprecedented success of our Chain Rake Reaper in Western Harvest Fields, and constantly increasing demand for it, which has heretofore justified us in claiming its superiority over any other Self-Raker offered to the public, have only served to strengthen our confidence in the general features of this machine as heretofore made, at the same time we have come to believe that, however satisfactory this machine has been to ourselves or its patrons in the past, it was susceptible of substantial improvements. These improvements have been made within the past year, and their practicability and value demonstrated to our satisfaction by practical tests in the field.

WOOD'S IMPROVED

SELF-RAKE REAPER AND MOWER COMBINED.

As a Reaper, it is precisely like the machine last noticed. To make it a Mowing Machine, we furnish a complete cutting apparatus, frame and gearings, which we term the

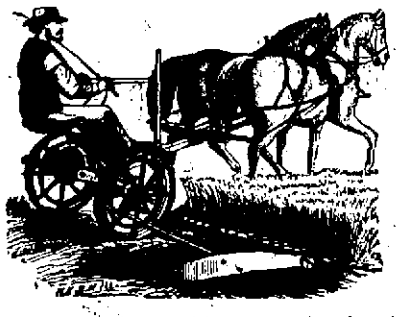
MOWING ATTACHMENT.



This Attachment, with a few parts taken from the Reaper, makes a complete hinged-frame Mowing Machine which we believe surpasses any one driving wheel Mowing Machine now made. Any purchaser of the Reaper can, at any time, obtain from us or our agents the Mowing Attachment.

WOOD'S NEW JOINTED BAR MOWER,

For 1871, For 1871,



THE most perfect floating finger-bar machine yet produced, embracing in its construction both the castle and hinged connection between the finger-bar and frame, thus combining in one machine, with the patents of Mr. Wood, all that is desirable and practical and valuable in other inventions.

For these several Machines, we assert their superiority over any now offered in market, point of *Simplicity and Perfection of Construction, Durability, Lightness of Draft, Facility of Management, Adaptability to any and every Condition of Crop or Surface, and Manner of Laying Cut Grass or Grain.*

☞ These Machines are now on Exhibition at the Fair Grounds. Call and see them.

Walter A. Wood Mowing and Reaping Machine Co.

CHAS E. WHITMAN, Gen'l Western Ag't,

NO. 206 LAKE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

MURRAY & PARK, Agents, Decatur.

WEIR'S

Premium Two-Horse

CORN PLOW!

With Heavy Axles, Diamond Twisted Shovels and Four-Feet Neck Yoke.

Manufactured and for sale by

WEIR PLOW COMPANY,

Monmouth, Ill.

7,400 Sold this Year!

AND

10,000

Will be manufactured for 1871.

WEIR'S CULTIVATOR has not only stood the test for the past eight years, but is growing more and more popular. It received the FIRST HONORS at the Illinois State Fair in 1867, and the MEDAL PREMIUM at the St. Louis Fair in 1869, where were over twenty-five different Walking Cultivators in competition; the

First Premium at the Great Field Trial at St. Louis Fair, 1869,

Ordered by the Missouri State Board of Agriculture. First Premiums at 61 District and County Fairs in 1869.

During the eight years our Plow has been in the market it has PROVED ITSELF RELIABLE at all times, and where others fail it gives universal satisfaction. There are over

25,000 in Use!

IT CULTIVATES THE GROUND DEEPER THAN ANY OTHER MACHINE of the kind, and by an arrangement of the joint it can be made to work as well after six year's usage as when first put into the field. We have letters from more than a thousand farmers informing us of its durability and general good qualities, and recommending it as *THE BEST CULTIVATOR IN USE.*

It is so simple that it can be operated by a boy.

One man will do the work of two, with greater ease to himself and horses, and thus save the wages and board of a hired man, which is equal per month to the price of the machine.

It is strong, durable, and with proper care will last many years.

Every Plow Warranted

After three days' fair trial to give perfect satisfaction or the money refunded.

Murray & Park, Agents,

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

A FEW WORDS IN GENERAL.

All the implements advertised on this page stood the test of *use*, and all have established reputations among farmers. Indeed, an examination of this page will show that it contains the names of farm implements which, from their popularity everywhere, have become familiar to farmers all over the West.

The Union Corn Planter has a reputation in Illinois second to none of the many implements for planting corn.

Wood's Reapers and Mowers have not only a Western, but a National reputation, and have participated creditably in every great trial of harvesting machines held in the country.

The Weir Two-horse Corn Plow has not been so long before the public as some other cultivators, but it has won hosts of friends already, and gives universal satisfaction wherever it has been tried.

Wherever grain and grass are raised in the United States the Kirby Reapers and Mowers are known—and known favorably. Words would almost be wasted in commending them, so well is their reputation established.

The Moline Plow Company's manufactures also need no "puffing"—their name and fame is too well established.

The Burdick National Hay Cutter is coming into general use, and is deservedly popular.

The immense sale of wagons made by Fish Brothers is sufficient guaranty of their quality. MURRAY & PARK.

THE KIRBY

COMBINED

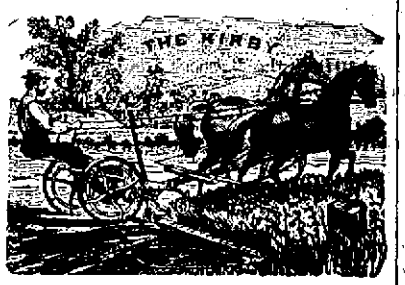
Reaper & Mower,

HAND AND SELF

Rakers.

THE KIRBY

TWO-WHEEL MOWER.



THE BURDICK

SELF-RAKING REAPER.

MANUFACTURED BY

D. M. Osborne & Co.,

AUBURN, N. Y.

GENERAL WESTERN OFFICES & WAREHOUSES
No. 17 South Main Street, St. Louis,
No. 623 South Morgan Street, Chicago.

The reputation of the KIRBY is based upon a solid experience of thirteen years in competition with all the leading machines in use. The fact that nearly

70,000

HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED,

And that the demand is constantly increasing, is convincing proof of their standing merit. No pains or expense have been spared in improving and perfecting them, and in securing the inventions of others when found to be valuable.

PERFECTION OF PRINCIPLE, SIMPLICITY & DURABILITY,

Are their leading characteristics.

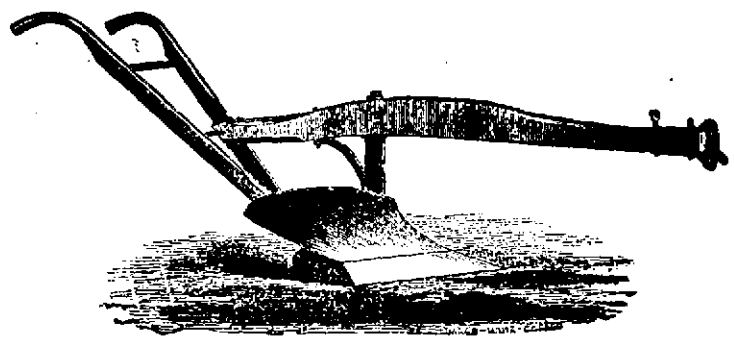
The KIRBY SELF-RAKE was

Awarded First Premium at Missouri State Trial of 1870.

It is the SIMPLEST and MOST PERFECT SELF-RAKE in use, and the best adapted to all kinds and conditions of grain.

☞ Farmers are respectfully invited to call and examine samples of the above Machines on the Fair Grounds. Description Pamphlets furnished Free on application.

MOLINE PLOW COMPANY,



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MANUFACTURERS OF

Plows & Cultivators,

Exceeding One Hundred different Kinds in

CAST & GERMAN STEEL.

Wood and Iron Beam.

Riding and Walking Cultivators,

DOUBLE AND SINGLE SHOVELS.

BREAKERS,

IN EVERY VARIETY.

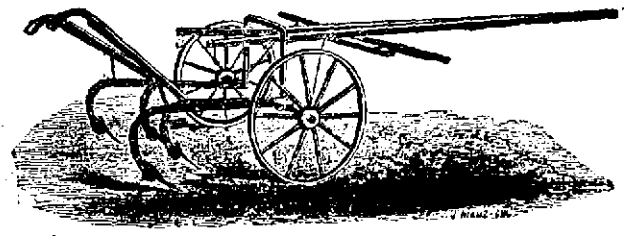
GRUB OR ROAD AND SOD BREAKERS.

Our Plows always Scour in the most difficult soil. THEY NEVER FAIL.

We have discovered a peculiar hardening process by which UNIFORM accuracy and adaptability to particular soils are secured.

— OUR —

WALKING CULTIVATOR,



"WESTERN,"

Is a new machine, patented in Nov., 1867, very simple in construction, light and durable.

No more exertion is necessary to manage it than with the ordinary double shovel.

It can be used for corn in all stages of its growth.

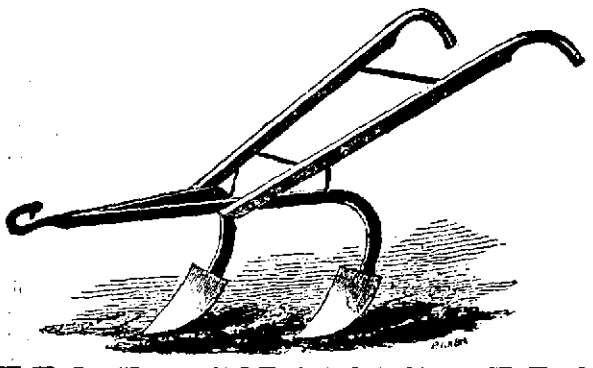
No downward pressure upon the necks of the horses.

The forward shovels are so made and fitted to the standard, that by changing them, one to the standard of the other, the dirt can be thrown to or from the Corn as may be desired.

It readily conforms to any inequalities in the surface of the ground, no matter how uneven.

The shovels are always held in a steady, upright position, by a patented device of our own invention. The wheels are thirty inches in diameter.

Our Iron Beam



DOUBLE SHOVEL PLOW!

As now manufactured.

Stands at the Head of the Double Shovel Family.

All of our Plows are Warranted.

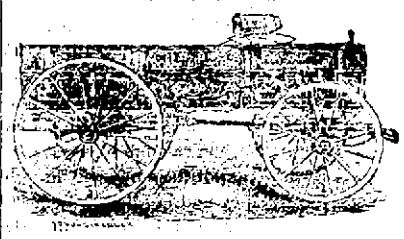
☞ A large display of the above Plows are on Exhibition at the Fair Grounds. Call and see them.

MOLINE PLOW CO., Moline, Ill.

MURRAY & PARK, Agents, Decatur.

FISH BROTHERS

MANUFACTURERS OF



Farm, Freight

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PLANTATION

WAGONS!

Racine, Wisconsin.

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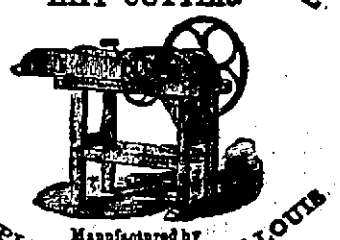
BURDICK'S NATIONAL HAY CUTTER.



Manufactured by

SEMPLE, BIRGE & CO., ST. LOUIS.

It has but one knife.
It cuts short or long.
It is perfectly safe.
It is self-feeding.
It will cut more in a given time and with less power, than any cutter in the market.
Every part is warranted perfect and can be replaced.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 29th, '70.

Largest Paper--Largest Circulation.

THE FAIR AS SEEN BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

HARNESS, SADDLES, COLLARS, BRIDLES AND WHIPS.

Jacob Metz, Esq., of Quincy, Ill., has on exhibition the best display of the above goods to which our attention has yet been called, and upon examination of articles in this department we have seen nothing that surpasses or even equals them. Having been awarded the first premium at Iowa State Fair in 1869–70, and also the Illinois State Fair in 1867–68, as well as at all the county fairs at which they have ever been exhibited, and in our opinion will triumphantly carry away the first premium at this. We feel that his goods are eminently deserving of the highest consideration. All interested in that direction should by all means call at Mechanic's Hall and see for themselves

WEBB'S BEE HIVE PALACE, CHAMPION OF THE WORLD,

exhibited by Theron Webb, patentee, claims insisted upon are as follows: Bees may be shut up, fed and moved, full control of bees in the hive, free ventilation, abandonment of nuisance in the hive, moth easily secured. We certainly look upon it as a first class invention, and would earnestly call the attention of all persons visiting the fair to this wonderful piece of mechanism, on exhibition at Mechanic's Hall.

DAVIS' WATER PROOF AND POLISH BLACKING

We have seldom if ever seen a finer display of this article than is now on exhibition at Mechanic's Hall, certainly deserving great attention, and warranted to give complete satisfaction. Their qualities for preserving dry feet, and making leather soft and pliable, cannot be surpassed. No one should fail to call and procure a supply before leaving the fair grounds. We have tested it.

THE MAMMOTH OX FROM MISSOURI.

We were called yesterday to visit certainly the greatest living wonder of the age, in shape of an ox. We had thought we had seen the mammoth, but must confess that this specimen surpasses anything of the kind we have ever seen. This ox is 6 years old, 21 hands high, 13¼ feet from tip of nose to root of tail, of common native stock, mother weighing less than 800 lbs. No person should leave the fair ground without visiting this wonder of the world, as such another opportunity may never again be presented. Under canvass on south side. Owned by C. J. McNulty, of Galena Ohio, sign mammoth ox, large painting, near spring.

We made note yesterday of an adjustable plow, corn planter, and cultivator combined, and also a thresher, grain measurer and register, from Alliance, Ohio, manufactured by the Alliance Machine Company, and represented by their business manager, D. C. Benson, Esq. Now to these we wish to call the especial attention of farmers and threshers, for there are no implements on exhibit on of greater merit, or are of more value, considering the cost, than these two little implements. At the trifling expense of $15 the farmer has a complete corn planter, a No. 1 cultivator (which we learn took the first premium at the Ohio State Fair), and a superior double shovel plow, either right or left handed, also a first class single shovel plow; the entire implement is wrought iron, which will last a lifetime; and their grain measure is of so much value that we cannot see how any thresher can afford to do without it; it is an accurate measure and a correct counter. Call and see them—they are among the farm implements, and Mr. Burson is ready and willing to show them.

HOGS AGAIN

Mr. W. H. Swearingen, of this county, has on exhibition a fine lot of pure bred Chester Whites which are equal, if not superior, to any on the ground. Among them we noticed a fine litter of 4 pigs, 4 months old, and 8 hogs 11 months old. The mother of the four pigs weighs over 500 pounds, and is as beautiful as a hog ever gets. Mr. S. has a number of hogs for sale. His address is Decatur.

Mr. John Q. Ayars, of Moweaqua, has on exhibition a lot of 28 shoats, four months old, of the Poland variety, which average 160 lbs each. These have been fed only on corn. The grandsire of the lot is the celebrated "Polo," on exhibition by Dillon & Co. Mr. Ayars has pure bred pigs for November selling, which he is selling at $25 per pair. The attention of farmers and all others interested in hog raising, invited to this display.

SPRING BED BOTTOM—FOLDING AND SINGLE.

Our attention was called yesterday to one of the most perfect specimens of the above, calculated to add to the comforts of life, first in relieving the ills of human life. We find it is BUG PROOF, constructed of hoop iron and spiral springs; will last a life time; has been awarded first premiums at the Illinois State Fair in '68; also, at the Iowa State Fair in '69 and '70, and in our opinion is eminently deserving such consideration. The attention of furniture dealers and hotel keepers is especially called. Price within the reach of all. Don't fail to call at Mechanics' Hall and see it and procure a card.

We were very much interested yesterdry while examining the fine display of blank books exhibited by Amos Kemp, of Bloomington, Ill., consisting of A 12½ quire General Ledger, Russia, extra; Deed Records, Russia, extra, J. P. Dockets, Russia, ends; Fee books, full Russia, panel sides; all having beautifully burnished edges, and all of genuine material—no imitation—of the heaviest and best paper manufactured. The specimens on exhibition have been made to order for McLean county and the Bank of Bloomington. We were especially pleased with the new style on which the center Russia band is put on, reaching from one edge to the other, in place of the old square-piece, allowing no corners to rub in the desk. The full-bound Russia, pannel side book, is really fine, and shows more than ordinary skill in the art of bookbinding. We would call especial attention of parties desiring blank books to this exhibition, at Mechanics' Hall.

PRACTICAL WASHER.

Among the many washing machines on exhibition on the fair ground yesterday, we noticed the Practical Washer, and unhesitatingly declare it to be the most perfect, complete and practical of any we have ever seen. Rising triumphantly above the host of similar patents that have flooded our country, it is indeed a practical washing machine and clothes wringer combined; it is a health preserver in that it has no tight fitting cover. By using steam as an agent for dissolving the dirt, and employing a "revolving reacting power," which involves the principle of rinsing. It is a clothes saver, it is a time saver, doing an week's washing for an ordinary family in less than two hours. It is a strength saver, in that by means of a lever. The mode of operation is so simple that a child ten years of age can readily work it. What we have stated relative to the merits of the above named combined machine has been fully endorsed by the awarding committee, who gave this invention the first premium at the Iowa State Fair last year.

ADJUSTABLE BEAM PLOW

This late and superior piece of mechanism was patented August 23d, 1870, by R. Dickie and H. K. Johnston. We have never seen an implement in the way of plows so adapted to the wants of the farmer as this. In looking over a number that at first glance would seem to be almost perfect, we were led to think that the climax had been reached, but our minds were at once disabused of that idea upon examination of the above named implement. I may be regulated to any desired depth, also to and from land so as to plow with two or four horses; raise or lower handles so as to suit man or boy; have clear land side and clear mould board, being relieved entirely from any trouble from trash, &c.—Every farmer should call and see it.

PLOW GRINDER AND POLISHER,

patented, May 13, 1870, by M. Devault, Charleston, Coles county, Ill. It obviates the difficulty of grinding plows true and even, and makes the work very light and easy for the operator. Its cost is trifling, being from $10 to $15. It will last twenty years. With this machine an operator can grind two plows to one by any other mode, and can shift the plow to any position against the stone very quickly and easily. The utility of the machine is observed at once, and is attracting much attention on the grounds. We bespeak success for it, and recommend all to see it before leaving the Fair.

The exhibition of Long's Universal Self-Adjusted Head and Iron Vise still continues, and attracts much attention, acknowledged by all to be the most perfect invention of its kind ever seen. The Self-Adjusting Iron Vise is designed for the use of all Iron workers, and is peculiarlg adapted to the use of wagon and carriage makers. It adjusts itself to different forms, holding the work more firmly, and does not mar the surface of the work. The back jaw adjusts, thereby making it a very firm and substantial vise. Its great simplicity and strength makes it a No. 1 vise, and brings it within the reach of all.

THE PEERLESS DISH WASHER

yesterday seemed to be the chief object of attraction at Mechanics' Hall, receiving the commendation of all. We feel fully assured that this invention is destined to take its place, at an early day, among the first class inventions of the age, and find a place in every family in the land. Ladies, call and see it. Territorial rights for sale.
Address, T. D. CLARK, Xenia, Ill.

MOORE'S SAFETY LAMP

commands universal attention, and we noticed yesterday that they were selling like HOT CAKES. No one can fail to see at a glance that they cannot be surpassed in cheapness, in brilliancy and in safety. Let all who wish light, go and see for them selves. They will stand the test.

MOULE'S PATENT DRY EARTH COMMODES.

Warring, Fetrow & Wells, of 109 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois, exhibit this article, which meets a necessity that has been long and seriously felt by thousands of people, and especially the ladies. Probably no single cause has had so much influence in producing the peculiarly delicate condition for which women living in the country and in small towns in America are notorious, as the discomfort, inconvenience and frequent repulsiveness of their closet accommodations.

The commode system is based upon the well known property of dry earth to absorb and assimilate to itself, disinfect and de-odorize all organic matter with which it comes in contact. This system offers to all, in town or country, every benefit of the water closet, while it is less costly in its construction and repairs; and, is in all respects, entirely satisfactory, whether for the sick room or for constant use.

A SPRING BED WITHOUT SPRINGS.

No one thing at the fair has more interested us than the examination of the woven wire mattress—a perfect spring bed without springs—exhibited by Waring, Fetrow & Wells, of 109 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. This invention consists of a strong and wonderful fabric of fine wire springs, all the length of the mattress, and so coiled and interwoven, by a curious process of double weaving, that, when stretched upon a proper frame, an elastic and perfect sleeping arrangement is secured. The hard spring wire used is carefully tinned and presents a very attractive appearance. It is, in fact, a complete appliance for all purposes of rest and sleep, combining all the advantages of a most perfect spring bed and the usual under mattress in one article, while it has none of the objections of either. The American Institute Fair, held in New York in 1869, awarded the first medal and diploma to the woven wire mattress, although all [illegible] articles of the kind were exhibited.

"There is no excellence without great labor," and it *will* pay to climb the stairs to get to Pitner's Gallery if you want good photographs

Strangers visiting the fair should not fail to call and have their Negatives taken for photographs, at Pitner's "Marble Hall Gallery," over J. R. Race & Co.'s. [4d.

We noticed the finest herd of Fat Cattle we ever saw at the big tent, east of the Dining Hall. They consist of 16 head—12 of which were perfectly snow white and averaged 2,500 lbs each. There is one called the Little Giant, and weighs 3,250 lbs. Another named Snow Ball, weighs 3,000 lbs. The last named is the most perfect steer we have ever seen. The cattle were sired by the Imported Douglas, and are all brothers and half brothers, there being two pairs of twins amongst them, which weigh 5,000 pounds each. These cattle are supposed to be the nearest alike possible for twelve cattle to be—the horns of three being all the same shape.

They were fed and raised in Menard county, Ill., by Thomas Kinkaid, who sold a half interest in them to W. L. Winter, of Tazewell county, Wis., for $2,000, making the price $333.33 per head, the highest price probably ever paid for that number of fat cattle, and are certainly the finest herd of cattle in the world. This is given up by all judges who have ever seen them. The owners defy competition, and challenge the world to beat them. They are undoubtedly the biggest show on the fair ground, and should be seen by every lover of good stock, as it only costs 25 cents to see them. A price within the reach of every one.

For a good blank book, memorandum book, or pocket book, go to Espy & Co.'s book store, by the Big Clock.

Examine the Babcock Extinguisher on the fair grounds to day.

Butler's Pictures certainly eclipse anything in the way of fine arts we have ever seen. Grand, magnificent and life-like. The crowds that we have seen pressing their way to his gallery bear ample testimony of this fact. Those desiring first class pictures should by all means call on Mr. Butler; gallery over First National Bank. We feel safe in saying that all who give him a trial will be received with the greatest of courtesy, well pleased, and amply repaid for their time and money. We speak from experience, as we have tried him, and know that we received in return for our money first class pictures, with all modern improvements, &c. We can safely recommend strangers and citizens to Tom Butler's picture gallery. [4d.

Agricultural Books.—A good assortment of agricultural and horticultural books at D. Espy & Co.'s book store.
3d.

Grand trial of the Babcock Extinguisher on the fair ground at noon to-day.

Cincinnati Daily and Weekly Times.—The Cincinnati Daily and Weekly *Times*, we notice, is represented on the fair grounds by Mr. J. B. Quinby, who has fitted up very beautiful and attractive headquarters adjoining the President's office. The Weekly *Times* is one of the best family and news papers in the country. It is independent in politics, but alive to everything which will render it useful and interesting to the farmer, mechanic, merchant and home circle. It has an immense circulation, its subscription list reaching 70,000. Mr. Quinby will receive subscriptions or advertisements for either the daily or weekly, at his headquarters upon the grounds.

Romulus founded the city of Rome, and A. Milt. Lapham founded the first ground floor gallery in Central Illinois.

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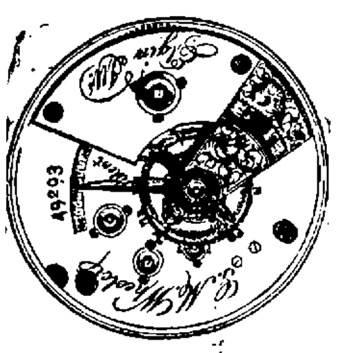

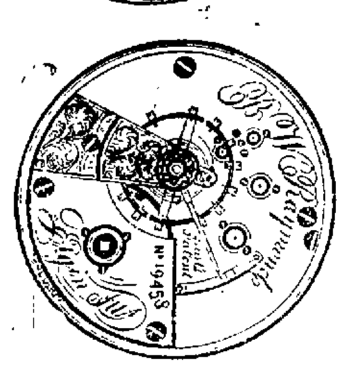

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From the National (Elgin) Watch Co.

The attention of watch-buyers is called to the following [illegible] of the [illegible] *Watches*, manufactured by the National (Elgin) Watch Company of Elgin, Ill.:

The ELGIN WATCHES are furnished with Bart's patent [illegible], to prevent damage to the train in case of the breaking of the main spring.

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These improvements are peculiar to the ELGIN WATCHES, and are found on no others. The dust-[illegible] will especially commend itself to [illegible] men, and others engaged in out-of-door employment.

The ELGIN WATCH named "B. W. Raymond" is constructed with special reference to its use upon engines and moving trains, and the Company claim that it is the best railroad watch in the world. The following prominent railroad officials have given it their hearty endorsement and commendation: E. B. Phillips, Esq., President Lake Shore and Michigan Southern R. R.; Col. C. G. Hammond, Superintendent Union Pacific R. R.; Edward H. Williams, General Superintendent Pennsylvania R. R. Co.; L. D. Tucker, General Superintendent Erie R. R.; J. M. Toucey, General Superintendent Hudson River R. R.; G. L. Dunlap, General Superintendent Chicago and North-Western R'y, and many others.

Ladies desirous of purchasing a handsome, strong, and correct time piece will find the elegant watch bearing the trade mark of "LADY ELGIN" to be all that they desire. Inquire of your jeweler for the LADY ELGIN.

The real ELGIN WATCHES, elegant, accurate, durable, in many styles and at various prices, each accompanied by the special warranty certificate of the Company, and usually also guaranteed by the local dealer or watchmaker, can be had of most jewelers in all towns throughout the United States. Call and ask to see them. As an additional protection, look for "National Watch Co." on the dial, and one of the following TRADE MARKS, viz., "B. W. Raymond," "H. Z. Culver," "H. H. Taylor," "G. M. Wheeler," "W. H. Ferry," "Mat Laflin," "J. T. Ryerson," "Lady Elgin," or "Frances Rubie," together with the words "ELGIN, ILLS.," engraved upon the gilt plate inside. These are the trade marks to denote the various grades and styles, but as even these have been pirated, require also the special warranty certificate, signed by T. M. Avery, the President of the Company, and *numbered* to correspond with the watch.

An illustrated pamphlet, entitled "Making Watches by Machinery," by the late Albert D. Richardson, will be forwarded free of charge by sending address to

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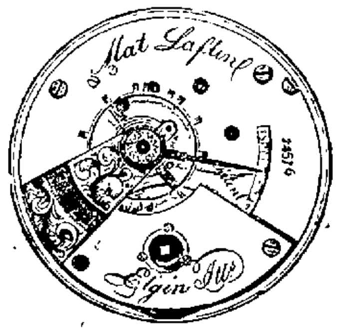

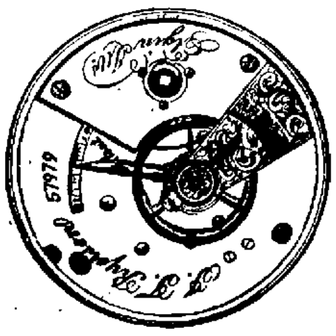

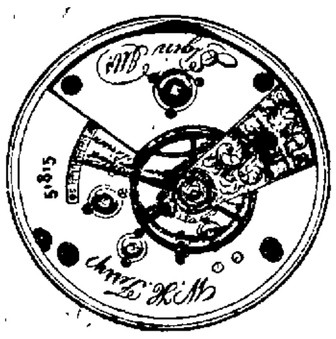

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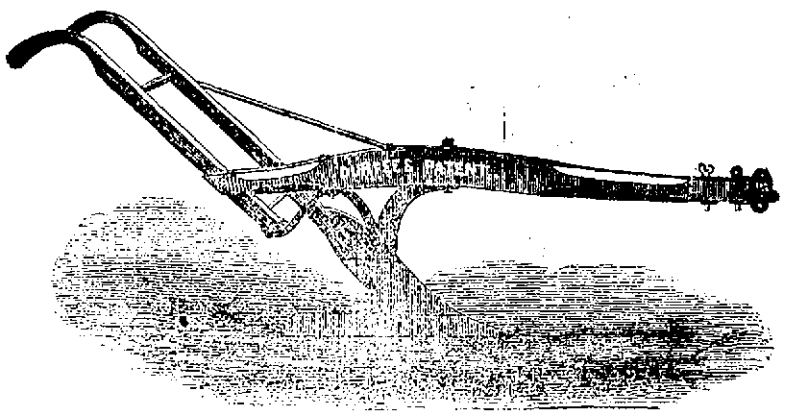
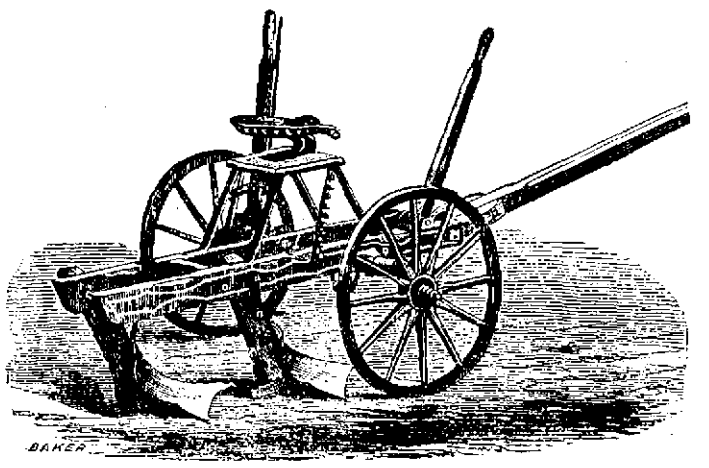


DURFEE'S CLEAR LAND-SIDE PLOWS!

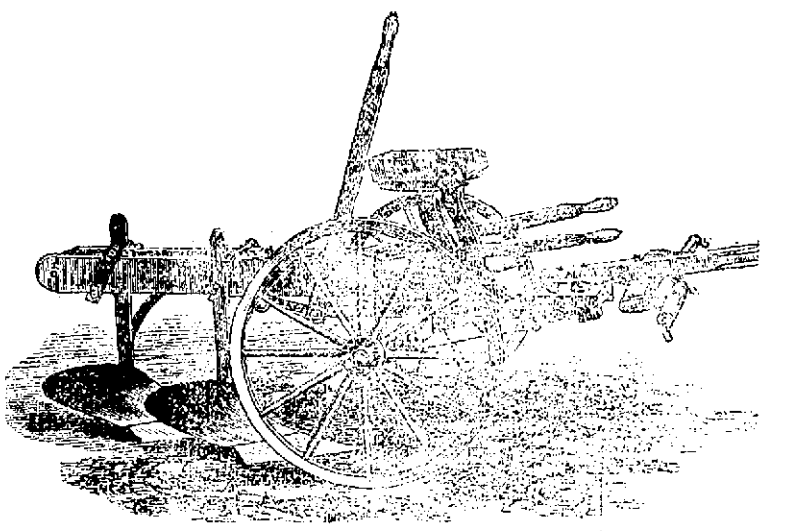
SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS!

The objects sought after in the above are: 1st. By the form of the Standard, to throw trash into the furrow. 2d. By the clear Land Side, to prevent trash and clods gathering on the Plow Handle. It meets the views of all practical farmers who have used it.



PFEIL'S GANG PLOW!

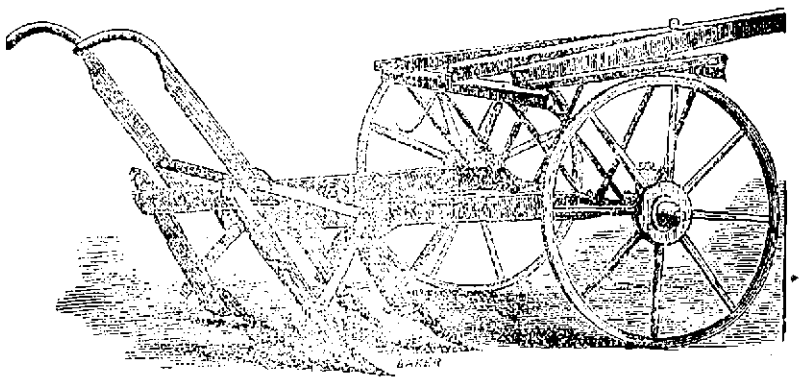
Has many first friends, and while it may have some rivals, it certainly has no superior plowing either old ground or new, wild or tame, making it a very desirable implement in new as well as old settlements. With a purchase of old ground and breaking plows the Gang is readily arranged for either purposes, saving five yokes and board of one hand to the gang, which renders it very popular with business farmers, who *think* as well as *work*.



SATTLEY'S GANG PLOW.

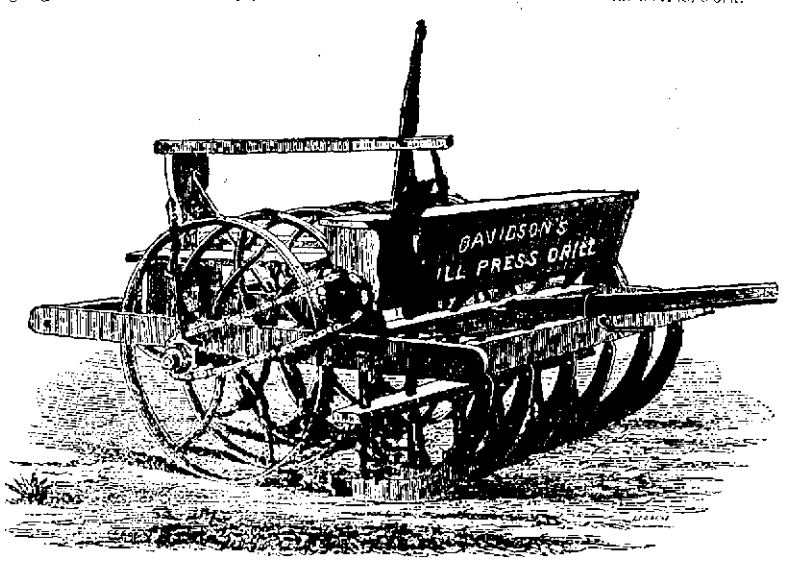
This plow has been [illegible] and has become one of the necessities of the country, and in [illegible] as now improved, we have no hesitation in [illegible]

The Most Important Labor-Saving Implements in Use!



VICTOR WHEEL CULTIVATOR.

The above cut represents the Victor Cultivator, patented by S. H. Dwight, which for durability, simplicity and ease of draft has no equal—in fact, any boy old enough to manage a team can work it with ease.

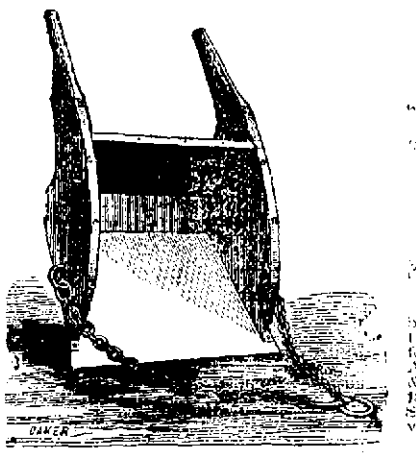


THE ABOVE REPRESENTS

Davidson's Illinois Press Drill!

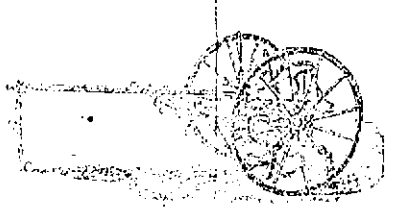
The merits that this machine possesses over other drills may be enumerated thus:

1st. It insures an even distribution of the seed.
2d. It will not clog or choke up.
3d. It will deposit the seed at any depth.
4th. It will cut through sods or corn stalks, and insure a free opening for the seed.
5th. It covers all the seed and presses the ground firmly over the same, breaking all clods.
6th. It leaves recesses in the ground beneath the surface for the roots to receive sustenance by the crumbling or washing of the earth, or by the action of the frost, thus enabling the crop to more effectually withstand the winter.



STEEL BOTTOM Scraper!

Those having use for road scrapers will readily understand the above cut. THEY ARE THE BEST SCRAPERS IN THE STATE



STAFFORD'S CULTIVATOR NO. 2.

The above cut represents the most popular, best made, and most durable Riding Cultivator before the public. Over 10,000 of the Stafford have been sold in the past five years. At the great State Trial of Cultivators, Plows, &c., held at Mattoon, Illinois, in August, 1865, under the direction of the Officers of the State Agricultural Society, Stafford's Cultivator received the

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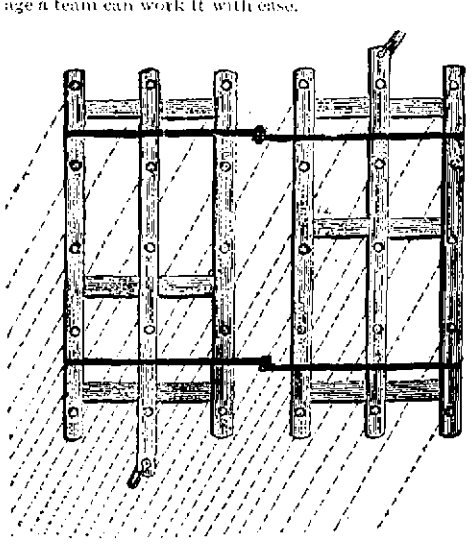
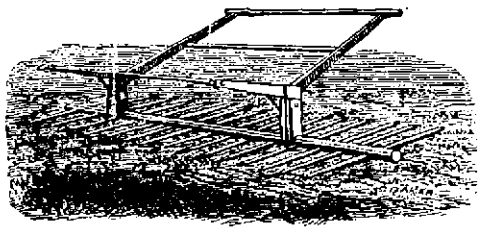
As the best two-horse riding cultivator. As the trial, the various cultivators [illegible] to the severest tests—various kinds of soil being selected for the purpose, and the Stafford came out triumphant at all points.



Thirty-Tooth HINGE HARROW!

The teeth are ¾ inch iron, standing one foot apart each way; are not liable to clog, and yet their arrangement is such as to work the ground perfectly, and may be drawn either end forward. It is very strong and durable.



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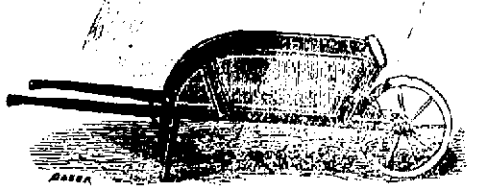

THE DECATUR AGRICULTURAL WORKS Manufacture and keep constantly on hand a full line of Agricultural Implements, consisting of Durfee's Clear Land-Side Plows, Gang, Trench and Sulky Plows, Double and Single Shovel Plows, Double Diamond Plows, Harrows, Road Scrapers, Davidson's Illinois Press Drills, Garden Barrows, Hay Pitchers and Gatherers, Horse Hay Forks, Revolving Hay Rakes, Wheat Fans, Corn Planters, Post Hole Diggers, etc. Don't fail to call and see samples now on exhibition at their

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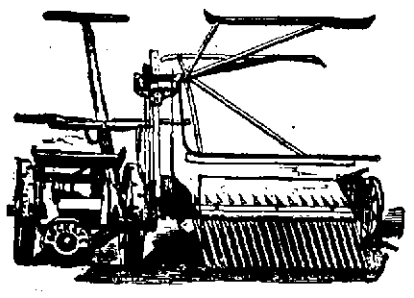

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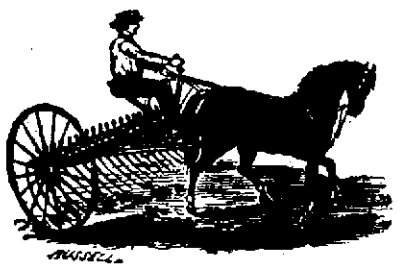
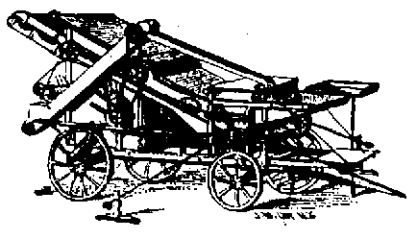


Farm Grist Mills, Corn Shellers, Doty Washing Machines, Clothes Wringers, Shovels, Spades, Forks, Rakes, Hoes; Garden, Field and Flower Seeds, Building Paper, Farm Bells, &c., &c.



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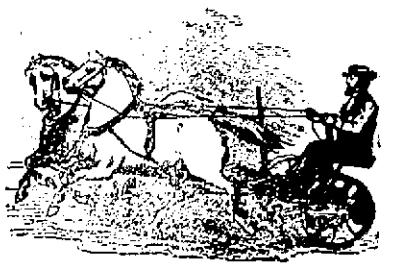

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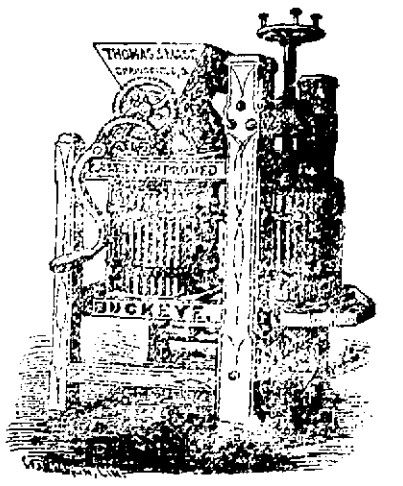

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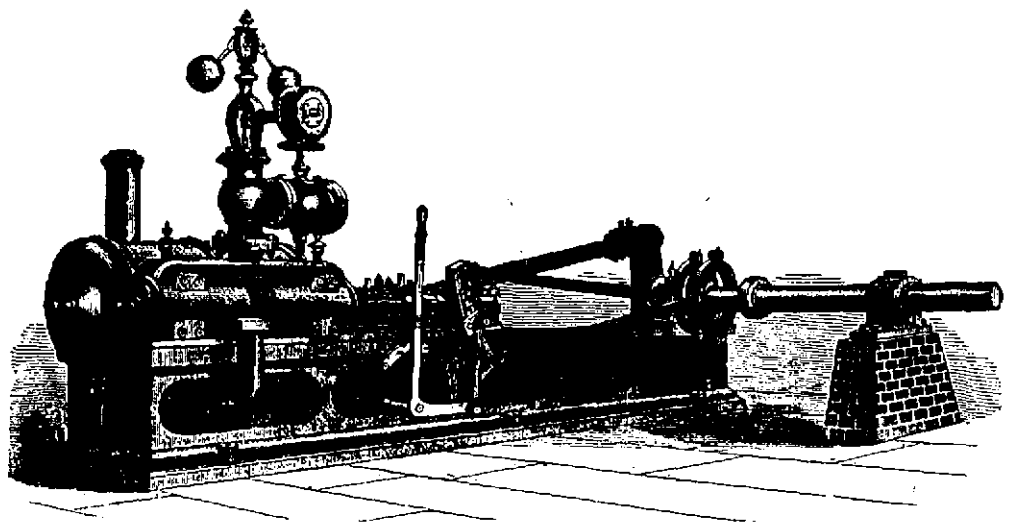

We have established a reputation for economy in the use of fuel and amount of power furnished, by a given sized engine, not excelled by any manufacturer, and we have facilities for furnishing Engines, Machinery, &c., of a class not surpassed East or West, and propose to offer such inducements to Western customers as to make it an object to patronize home industry.

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2d. The STEAM CHEST is long, the full length of the Cylinder, thus enabling us to cut the steam off near the end of the Cylinder, instead of near the centre, whereby we save with every stroke all the steam which would be contained in the side pipes, and which really is a large proportion of the steam used.

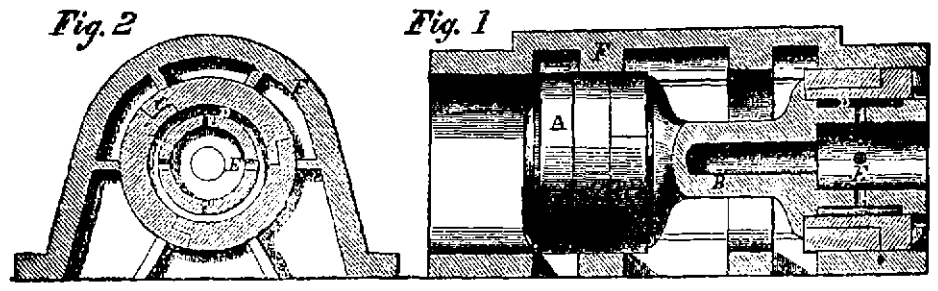
3d. The ECCENTRICS which work the valve have a very large throw, so that they open and shut the ports quickly, which is very essential and beneficial.

Our Engines are in successful operation in various parts of the country, and in every case have proven their superiority by their powerful action, and their economical consumption of fuel. Their reputation has been gained by the combination of the above and many other excellencies the results of more than a quarter of a century of practical experience in Engine building, and study of the principles of the Steam Engine.

It will be our constant aim, not only to maintain the high standard of excellence to which our Engines have attained and given them an enviable reputation wherever used, but to make every resource available for their improvement. Our facilities for doing first-class work are equal to any in the West, all our machinery and tools being new and of the latest improvements. In addition to this, we retain constantly in our employment, in each department, the best mechanics to be found in the country, who from their long familiarity with this kind of work, ensure greater accuracy and dispatch than is possible with transient and untried journeymen. To this in a great measure, may be attributed the uniform character of our work.

We cannot close these remarks without anticipating an objection often raised, viz: that a cheaper kind of work would answer equally as well. To those making such we would say that the time has passed when cheap Engines can be used with profit, for it is a well-known fact that it is much more expensive to operate poor than good machinery; and when the loss of time and repairs necessary to keep a poor machine, is taken into consideration, the best will prove to be the cheapest, even should the first cost be double that of an inferior article.

Ives' Improved Balanced Slide-Valve,



PATENTED JUNE 6, 1865.

This balanced slide valve is of the piston variety; although the term slide valve is applied generally to flat, rectangular valves, a piston valve is also a slide valve, as it has the same motion.

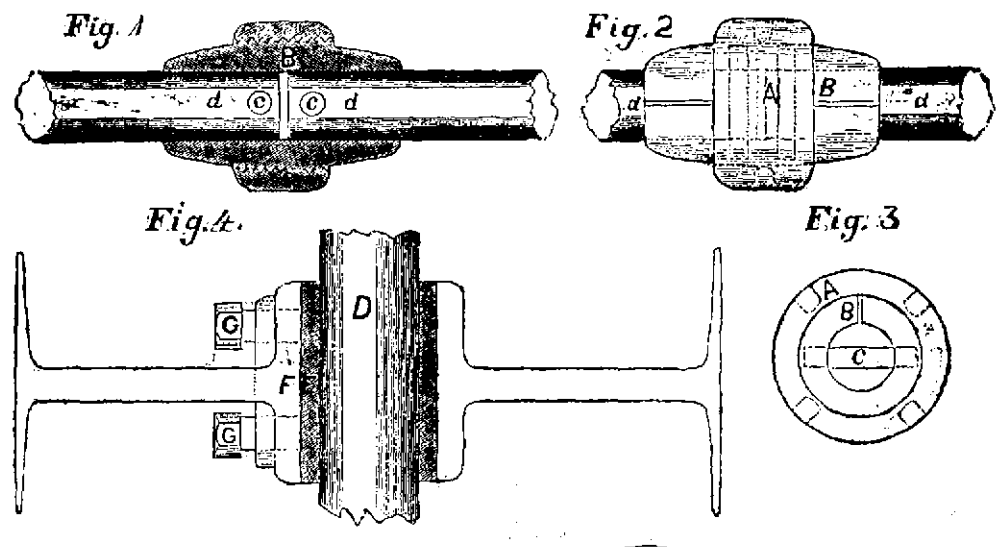
The improvement in this valve relates to the method of constructing it, so that it shall always be steam tight, and at the same time avoid the heavy pressure and friction of the common flat valve.

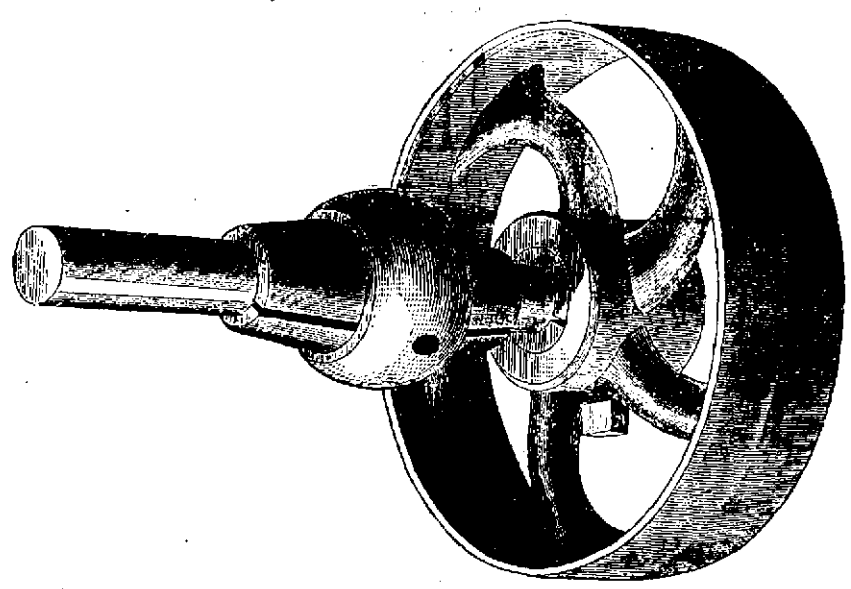
To accomplish these ends, the packing, A, is constructed of several segments of rings, which are fitted to the piston, B, which forms the valve, in a peculiar manner, to be seen by examining Fig. 2. The rings are there shown overlapping each other, as at C, so as to form a steam-tight joint. By referring to Fig. 1, a chamber, D, may be observed. This chamber extends around the body of the piston, and steam is admitted to it through the openings, E. It is the pressure of this steam which forces out the rings and keeps them always up to the interior of the cylinder, F, which forms the steam chest. By again referring to Fig. 2 other chambers will be observed between the cylinder, F, and the valve rings, C. These chambers are likewise filled with steam, and hence the valve, while in motion, is surrounded by steam; the outward pressure on the packing being only enough greater over the inward pressure to make the packing complete. It is easy to see, therefore, that this valve packs itself and will continue steam-tight, without any adjustment other than it performs for itself. By thus removing the friction consequent upon the ordinary flat valve, or any valve operating in that way, a saving of power is effected; and this considered in connection with the economical manner of working steam, demonstrates a saving of steam; therefore, a saving of fuel; and further, a saving of money.

Whitmore's Improved Shaft Coupling, and Pulley and Wheel Fastening.

THE COUPLING centres the shafting, prevents their separating, holds them firmly, dispenses with bolts, nuts and accidents; is quickly applied and consists of a sleeve nut and two pins.

THE PULLEY AND WHEEL FASTENING dispenses with key seat and burr on shafting, and allows of free and speedy change of wheel or pulley to any position on shaft, the key or set screw acting on E, the sleeve, and not on the shaft.





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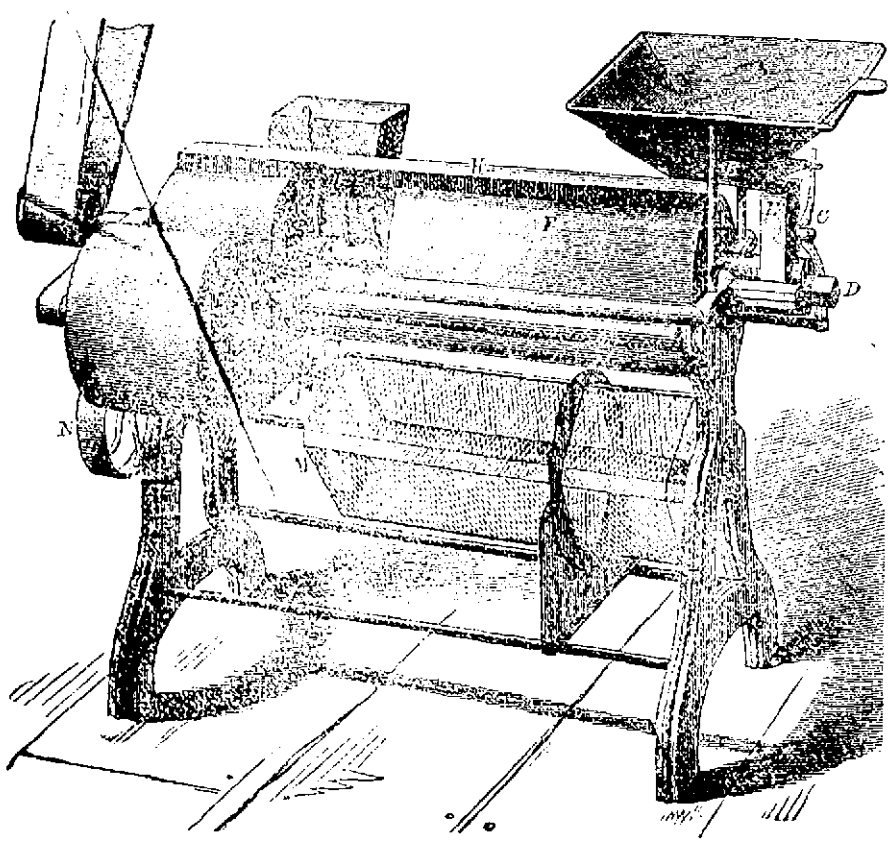
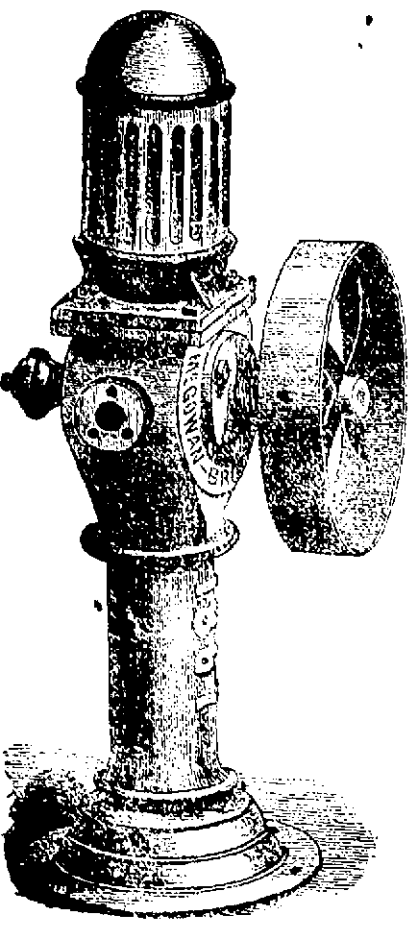


IMPROVED HOMINY PEARLING MILL.

(PATENTED AUGUST 8, 1868.)

This Mill will make from ten to twelve barrels of hominy per day; is the only one made that has a regular feed and separating attachment; is quite compact, occupying only about four feet square of floor surface, and is so simple in construction that any boy can attend it. The grain requires the same preparation as for other purposes, and Hominy can be made from ordinary as well as flint corn.



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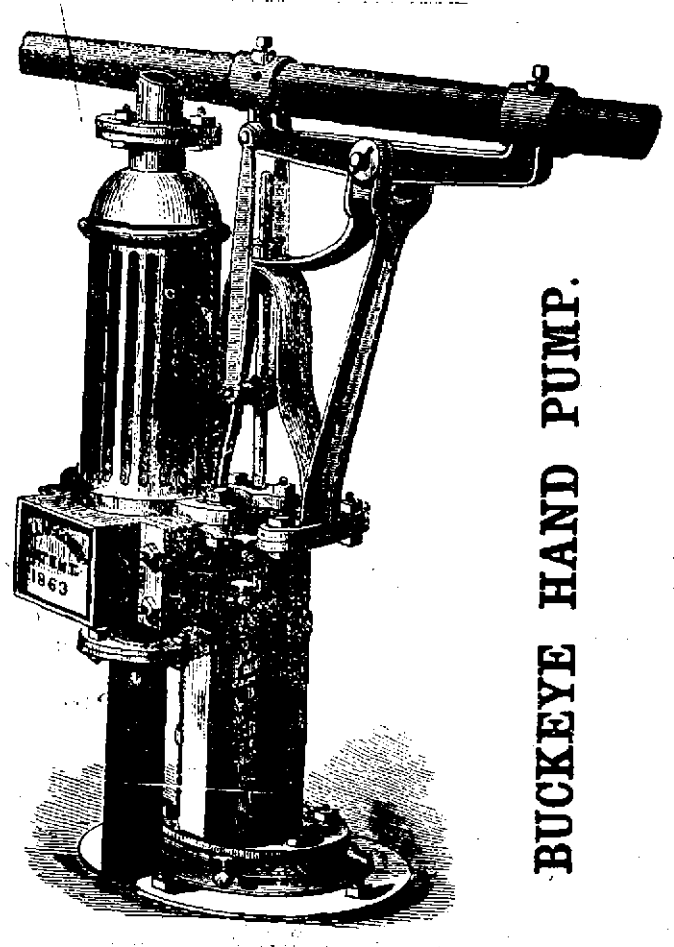

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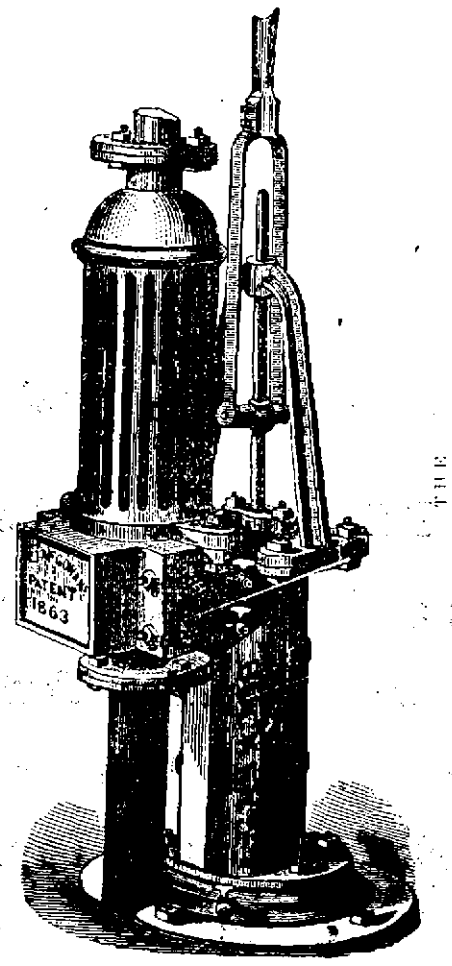

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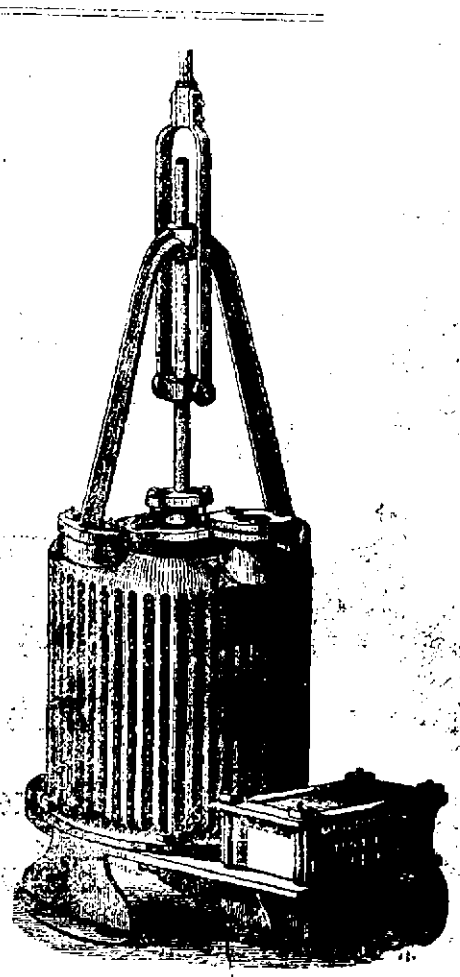
These Pumps are so well known for their efficiency, that a statement of the advantages to be derived from their use is almost unnecessary. For railroads, breweries, distilleries, mills, factories, &c., is not required, besides the limited space they occupy, as our catalogues or circulars.



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A Two-hole Hand-feed Sheller, with Cleaner, Separator and Sacker—one-horse Power and Jack. Capacity, 350 to 400 bushels per day.

A. Adams' Patent Self-Feeding Two-Hole Shellers,
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CAPACITY:
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—ALSO MAKE—
Beside the admirably adapted Horse Powers for their Shellers, the best
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For general use—such as working Feed Mills, Cane Crushers, Broom Corn Threshers, etc., etc.—ever known, as the present heavy sale in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Mississippi, California and intermediate country will attest.

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It made a more permanent advance in public favor in 1870 than any other.

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Introduced last season, thoroughly tested, and found superior in all points.

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And other first-class machinery.

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A Full line of chromos, engravings, stereoscepes, views and Parian marbles, at A. Milt. Lapham's art gallery, Opera Block.

Agricultural Books.—A good assortment of agricultural and horticultural books at D. Espy & Co.'s book store. 3d.

Those wishing to see the finest collection of cattle ever on exhibition in the west, will go to the large canvass on the south side, where Thomas Kincaid & Co., of Menard county, are now exhibiting a herd of 13 head, 12 of which are 4 years old and average 2500 lbs. One 5 years old weighing 3200. All graded stock. Admittance, 25 cents. [3d.

Mr. S. L. Cleveland, on the fair grounds, is kept busy in showing the merits of the Missouri Corn Planter. Dealers who fail to examine it, will lose an opportunity to secure sale of the best hand planter that is made.

The Rain Yesterday made things rather disagreeable, and those who came to the fair provided only with thin clothing have found that something thicker than linen is necessary to their comfort. And this brings to mind the fact that Aleck Zekind, at the New York Clothing Store, has a most magnificent stock of garmnets suitable to the season and the weather. The wants of anybody in the way of clothing can be supplied at this popular establishment, where only the best of goods are sold, and where prices are within the reach of all.

THE KIRBY.

The advertisement of one of the most popular reapers ever introduced appears in another column. We mean the KIRBY. It is hardly necessary for us to say anything commendatory of this great farm implement, for it already has a world-wide reputation as one of the leading and best machines in use. Its reputation is a substantial one, secured by actual merit.—Read what the St. Louis *Rural World* says in reference to the Kirby:

"Its average on work is as high as the best; its weight, 900 pounds; price, as a combined self-raker, $185. Its draft was lighter than that of any other combined self-rake machine. It was drawn by the smallest team used during the trial, an exceedingly diminutive pair of mules, which seemed to handle it with ease and came out in good condition.

"The Kirby has the same self-rake and cutting apparatus as the 'Burdick Independent Reaper' manufactured by the same firm, and which took the first premium as a self-raking reaper. So it will be seen that the victory of the Burdick applies in a marked degree to the Kirby. The Kirby has been long and favorably known as one of the leading combined machines in use, and its large and increasing sale attests its worth and acceptability. It does its work well, both in mowing and reaping, and is good for hard work and plenty of it, enjoying among the farmers using them an almost wonderful reputation for durability."

WILSON & DRAKE.

A good engine is a prime necessity in manufacturing establishments, but of no less importance is a good boiler, upon which the usefulness of the engine in a great measure depends. Among its other institutions Decatur boasts of a first class factory for making steam boilers, and we desire to call the attention of all who use steam as a motive power to the reasons why the establishment in question is worthy their patronage.

Messrs. Wilson & Drake, the proprietors of the works spoken of, are both practical boiler makers, the former having learned his trade at the famous Novelty Iron Works, New York, where he worked fifteen years. He spent twenty-five years of his life in some of the best known establishments in the eastern states, and was for two years foreman of the Pacific Mail Company's works, in California. In short he is a perfect master of his art, and possesses that experience which is of so much value in any branch of business, but which is of incalculable advantage in a trade like this, in which lack of skill and want of experience are so apt to lead to the loss of human life.

This firm has built boilers for many of the most extensive manufacturing establishment in Central Illinois, every one of which has given the most complete satisfaction.—Among the boilers made for mills, etc., in this vicinity may be mentioned that of Parks & Royer, in Urbana, several in Jacksonville and Springfield, one for Walker & Bro's furniture factory in Champaign, and others in different localities. Any of these boilers are referred to as samples of the work done by the firm.

The boiler on the fair grounds, which furnishes the steam for running the machinery on exhibition, is also from this factory.

CENTRAL IRON WORKS.

Prominent among the advertisements in the DAILY REPUBLICAN will be found the full page devoted to the Central Iron Works of this city. Although a very few of the articles manufactured at this establishment are mentioned in the advertisement, sufficient is said to show the general character of the works, and the object of this article is to set forth more fully the reasons which should commend the proprietors and their factory to the favorable consideration of the public.

The project of founding a first class machine shop in Decatur had been long talked of before any actual commencement was made, and it was not until Messrs. Burroughs & Co. took the matter in hand that the scheme began to assume definite shape. This was early in 1865, and by June of that year substantial buildings had been erected, the requisite machinery put up, and operations fairly begun. Of course, the enterprise had a somewhat humble beginning, as have all the experiments of careful business men, but so rapidly did the engines and other machinery manufactured by the works grow in popular favor that it was not long before greater facilities were needed for supplying the fast increasing demand. The proprietors then enlarged their buildings, and putting in machinery of the most approved kinds were prepared to fill any and all orders sent them. We cannot go into a lengthy description of the establishment, but will only say that it is complete in all its parts, and that its arrangements are perfect throughout. The machinery is all of the most approved patterns, and is kept in the best of order. The order and system which prevail throughout the entire establishment is a marvel to the uninitiated, and is one of the secrets of the unparalleled success which has attended the carrying on of the business. The keeping in place of the myriads of tools and the degree of care which must be exercised in order to insure efficiency in all the departments of such an establishment require executive talent of no common degree, and the man who masters the situation and controls the almost endless details of such a business—as Messrs. Burroughs & Co. have done—has success within his grasp.

The principal business of the works is the building of steam engines, and the highest recommendation that could be given of the superior character of the engines built here is the fact that so many of them are in use in this immediate vicinity. The engines in use in Shellabarger & Co.'s mills, the St. Clair mills, and in Boyd, Haskell & Co.'s Woolen Factory were made at this establishment, and every other engine in Decatur has Burroughs & Co.'s improvements. Three of their engines are in use in Jacksonville, one in Lincoln, one in Sullivan, one in Madison county, besides many others that cannot be named for want of space. The reputation of these engines has also gone abroad into other states, and Burroughs & Co. have now a very respectable trade in Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi. Indeed, there seems to be no limit to the proportions which their trade will assume wherever their manufactures are introduced, except their ability to fill the orders quick enough. In proof of this assertion reference is had to the fact that whenever one of their engines goes into a locality where none have been used before, other orders are almost sure to follow, and nowhere are their manufactures so popular as where they have been in use longest, and are therefore best known.

The reasons for this popularity are ample. The great aim of the proprietors is, that every engine sent out from their shops shall be a recommendation of their work, and to that end all their energies are directed. No workman is permitted to slight any portion of his work, no matter how trivial it may seem, and every engine must pass the rigid inspection of one of the most competent foremen in the western states. In addition to the superior work put upon all these engines, they have peculiar features which commend them to every practical man, and which are fully set forth in the advertisement in this paper.

Visitors at the fair can see one of the engines made by this firm at the fair grounds, where it is used to furnish the motive power for running the machinery on exhibition, and if this does not suffice others can be seen in operation at the different mills in this city, named above.

Besides engines Messrs. Burrougus & Co. manufacture all kinds of mill gearing and other machinery, make iron columns for buildings, and do a general business in all kinds of iron work. They also pay particular attention to the manufacture of coal shaft machinery, having recently furnished several coal mines with the requisite engines and hoisting apparatus. They have recently secured a patent for a shaft coupling and pulley fastener which is highly spoken of by the best machinists.

A visit to these works would well repay any one visiting the fair.

Go to the Big Dining Hall, on the south side, for good square meals.
4d.] STULTS & FLESHER.

People Must Eat, no matter what the weather may be, and usually the amount of provender necessary to satisfy the hunger of an individual increases as the weather gets bad. Dan Brenneman, on the south side of the new square, is prepared to feed everybody who may call at his restaurant, at the low price of fifty cents per meal. And it should be borne in mind that Dan's meals are not of the slop-and-hash order, but are as good as the market will afford. Give him a call.

Open to Visitors.—Our High School Building, of which our citizens are so justly proud will be open for the reception of visitors from 8 to 9 o'clock, A. M., each day during the week. Parties visiting the building will find some one in attendance to show them through the various rooms. Strangers who feel an interest in school architecture should not fail to visit this building, which, though not so costly as some others, is one of the best arranged school buildings in the State. 1w

Berlin, Rembrandt and Mezzo tint Photos in elegant style, at Lapham's new art gallery, Opera Block, first floor.

If Your Harness Breaks, while you are attending the fair, if you need a new set, or anything else in that line, you will find the shop of D. Hamsher, over B. Stine's clothing store, the very place to get your wants supplied. Mr. H. is prepared to fill all orders, from mending a simple break to furnishing a full set of harness, and all at the lowest cash prices. All work guaranteed, and satisfaction warranted in all cases. 1w.

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WAGON MAKERS
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THEY INVITE ATTENTION TO THE quality of their work, which cannot be excelled anywhere. Using only the best material, and employing none but first-class workmen,

They Can Defy Competition.

They have been engaged in the present business in this city for a number of years, and need only refer to their work, which may be found all over this and adjoining counties.

REPAIRING OF ALL KINDS
Done on short notice and in the best manner
☞Special attention given to
HORSE SHOEING.

Howlett Coal for Sale.

☞Shops on the corner of Water and Cerro Gordo streets,
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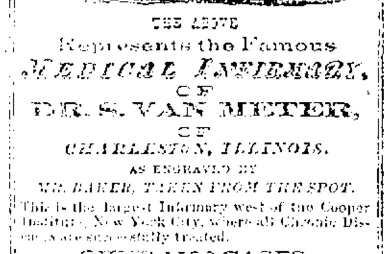

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DR. S. VAN METER,
OF
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AS ENGRAVED BY
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This is the largest Infirmary west of the Cooper Institute, New York City, where all Chronic Diseases are successfully treated.

OVER 1500 CASES
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DR. S. VAN METER,
Charleston, Illinois.

READ WHAT THESE GENTLEMEN HAVE TO SAY.
Being personally acquainted with Dr. S. Van Meter, he being a member of the Church of [illegible] and in visiting his Infirmary noting his [illegible] practice and success in the healing art, we [illegible] endorse and recommend him to the [illegible] and public generally, believing him to be just what he claims.

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Cor. Sec'y American Christian Mis. Society.
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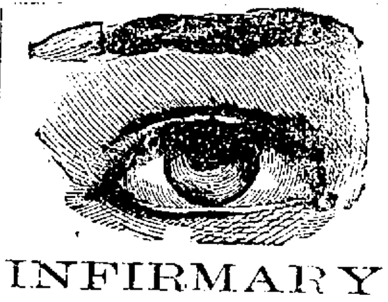
REV. J. ATKINS, Cleveland, Tenn.



INFIRMARY

Drs. M. & H. Brandom

Having removed their office from CERRO GORDO to DECATUR, ILL., for the purpose of making the treatment of the Eye a specialty, would respectfully say to the public that they are prepared to cure all curable [illegible] Sore Eyes.

Our treatment is far superior to any other known or practiced, from the fact that it does not injure the Eye in any case—can be used with perfect safety in all cases from the smallest infant to infirm age. It has cured worse cases and more of them than any other treatment used; it has cured the most inveterate, unyielding cases of Granulated Lids of many years standing, cases which had only grown worse and became aggravated under the ordinary practice, viz: Bluestone and Nitrate of Silver, which injure the Eye in every case, sometimes causing permanent blindness. Our remedies work like magic in Ulcerations and Opacity of Cornea, healing the Ulcers, removing the opacity and restoring the lost sight where it had been pronounced HOPELESS BLINDNESS. Having treated hundreds of cases including all the various diseases of Purulent and Gonorrheal Ophthalmia in all their forms, we have never in a single instance been disappointed but have met with universal success, and we further propose to give satisfactory evidence that we can cure in half the time of any other Oculist in the West. We do not ask our patients to pay us any money in advance; but that we may be fairly dealt with we require all persons desirous of treatment to give security for the prompt payment of charges when the case is cured.

Good boarding in connection with the Infirmary.

All examinations free of charge.

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MR. H. BULL, proprietor of Buckeye House opposite Central House, Decatur, Ill., Opacity and Inflammation, one year standing, cured in four weeks.

HARDEN GREENWELL, Hancock county, Ill., Granulation and Opacity, a case of three years' standing, has been treated by noted Oculists in this State and Iowa without any benefit. Has been under our treatment four weeks and is now nearly well.

HENRY BLACK, Moultrie county, Ill., Chronic Conjunctivities, a case of *eighteen years* standing, has been treated by Oculists in St. Louis and Springfield, without any relief, was under our treatment three months and is now *perfectly well.*

TOWER HILL, Shelby Co., Ill., Aug. 3, 1870.
To those Afflicted with Sore Eyes:

For two years I have been afflicted with Sore Eyes, Granulated Lids, Ulceration Opacity of Cornea and Neuralgia of the worst form, of which language fails to express my suffering. It exhausted my strength, destroyed my health, until I became very feeble. I employed the best remedies that I could obtain, and the best physicians, without any permanent relief, and had settled into the conviction that my case was incurable. I have been a great sufferer, and I want to tell you where I found relief—it was at Drs. M. & H. BRANDOM'S office in DECATUR, ILL. I cheerfully recommend them to all who are suffering with Sore Eyes, as the most eminent Oculists known in the West. I return my sincere thanks for what they have done for me. E. J. HEADEN.

To the Afflicted.

The sense of sight is the most useful and highly esteemed of all the senses with which a Beneficent Providence has blessed humanity. Its deprivation renders the sufferer almost helpless, and shuts him up in a solitude which no light can cheer. As a matter of benevolence to those of our fellow citizens who are suffering from the many causes which effect the eye, we have felt constrained to adopt this method of calling attention to the Eye Infirmary of Drs. M. & H. BRANDOM, Physicians and Oculists, at Decatur, Ill. We have personal knowledge of the skill of these gentlemen in this department of science. We know many patients, who, after suffering much, and after having exhausted the skill of other physicians of deserved reputation for ability, have been led to the Infirmary, blind and almost hopeless, and who in a very short time have "returned seeing." We also know of numerous instances of relief extended to others who have submitted to the treatment of the Drs. Brandom. We can safely say that none need suffer long, and we urge upon you to visit this Infirmary without a moments hesitation.

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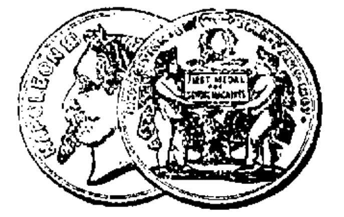
As now produced, possesses points of excellence and acknowledged merit which place it far in advance of any other.



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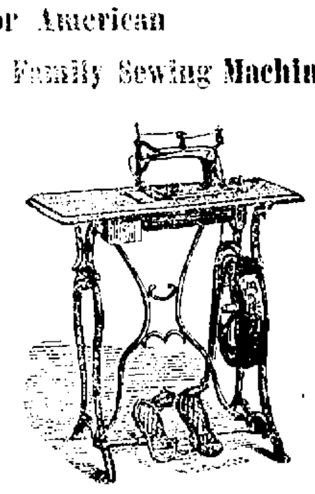

'Family Favorite,

With its shuttle and straight SHORT needle—simple yet perfect feed and tension—speed and easy motion, it produces the best stitch, with the least trouble, in the shortest time, without destroying the life or elasticity of the thread or silk.

These cases are finished in a variety of styles, and are an ornamental article of furniture. They form a complete enclosure for the machine, and stand, and have large drawers, a great convenience as receptacles for thread, needles, partly finished work, and any articles that should be kept secure.

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☞ Our [illegible] our own manufacture, made from well se[illegible] [illegible] excelled in quality or price

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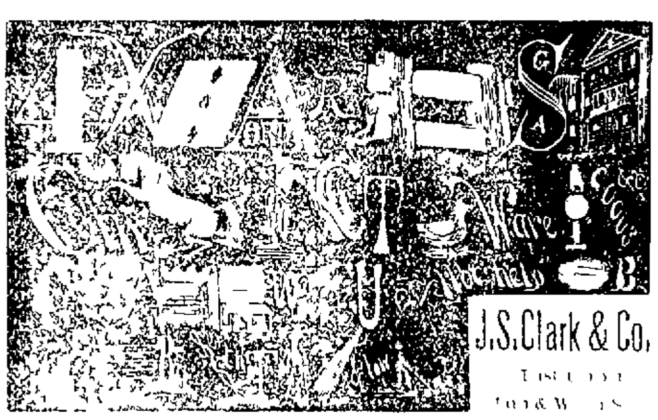

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The Genuine Mason Fruit Jar

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J. C. DAVISON, Secretary,
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☞ Agents wanted Send for Circular containing endorsement of Chicago Fire Marshal and many others of the highest character [sept, 29, tf

THE REPUBLICAN.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE RE-UNION OF THE 8th REGIMENT ILL VOL. INFANTRY.

About fifty of the former members of the 8th regiment Ill Vol Infantry met in the [illegible] house at Decatur Ill, at 10 o'clock a m on Tuesday September 27 [illegible]

The meeting was [illegible] by appointing Richard J Oglesby chairman and Samuel Caldwell Secretary. The chairman stated that he understood the object of the meeting to be to organize a permanent society of the regiment with a view of securing a gathering of the regiment some time next year.

It was moved and seconded that the chairman appoint a committee of five to report a plan for such organization, which was carried.

The chairman then appointed as the committee Robert H Sturgis, Henry S Pearse, Benj F Munroe, Samuel Caldwell, Daniel Sayres.

The meeting then adjourned until [illegible] p m.

[illegible] SESSION

Met pursuant to adjournment R J Oglesby in the chair.

The committee on permanent organization made the following report

Decatur Sept 27 1870

The Committee on permanent organization recommend that the officers of the society be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Historian and an Executive Committee of ten, one from each company, to hold office until their successors are elected.

We recommend that Richard J Oglesby of Decatur be chosen President, Frank L Rhoads of Shawneetown and Robert A Sturgis of Vandalia Vice Presidents, George S Durfee of Decatur, Secretary, Benj F Munroe, Nos 86 & 84 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Historian.

We further recommend that Jeremiah Nicholson Co A Decatur, Peter Schlesser Co B Decatur, Daniel Sayres Co C Mattoon, John W C Harris Co D Olney, Chas S Easton Co E Peoria, Ketchum S Conklin, Co F Pekin, Levi Barber Co G Greenville, R D Potter Co H Rupsey, Wm Zeller Co I Peoria and Henry Stillhart Co K Bloomington [illegible] Executive Committee.

We recommend that a general meeting of all the former members of the regiment be held at Decatur Ill on the 24th of July 1871 and that the necessary measures for bringing about such a meeting, be left to the discretion and good judgment of the officers and Executive Committee of the society.

We also recommend that a fee of one dollar be required from each member in attendance to assist in defraying expenses to be paid to the Secretary at the meeting of July 24th 1871.

We also recommend that the members communicate to the Historian anything of interest connected with the movements and history of the regiment such as incidents of the march, camp or battle, personal exploits of members &c, with a view of having the same compiled and read at the next meeting of the society. All of which is respectfully submitted

ROBERT H STURGIS,
HENRY N PEARSE,
BENJ F MUNROE, } Com
SAMUEL CALDWELL,
DANIEL SAYRES,

On motion the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion, the names of members of the regiment present were taken as given below

Gen R J Oglesby, Decatur
" I C Pugh
Col F L Rhoads Shawneetown
Robert H Sturgis Vandalia
" John P Post Decatur
W P Buck Surgeon Moweaqua
Capt G M Brice Company A Decatur
Geo S Durfee
Peter Schlesser Co B
Daniel Sayres C Mattoon
John Wentzel E Peoria
" Samuel Caldwell I
Lieut Henry N Pearse A Q M Bloomington
Lieut Wm A Albert Co A Decatur
" Samuel Nicholson Co A Decatur
" D M Scott I C H Decatur

ENLISTED MEN

Robert T Page	Co A	Decatur
Wm 3 H[illegible]		Peter In
John K Nicholson		Decatur
J P Nicholson		
Jas I S[illegible]		
John I C[illegible]	B	
John Mates		
[illegible]		
[illegible]		
Dator Dunham		
George P[illegible]		
Mason [illegible]	C	Clark[illegible]
Wm C[illegible]	"	
Benj F [illegible]	"	F [illegible]
Chas S [illegible]		[illegible]
A M [illegible]		
G W Mathes	"	H Vandalia
[illegible]		
[illegible] Hinds		
J P[illegible]		Peoria
J W Ayres	"	K Shipman
Jos F W[illegible]		[illegible]ington
L L [illegible]		C[illegible]
Henry Stillhart		Bloomington

Moved that copies of the proceedings be furnished to Cols J A Sheetz and Lloyd Wheaton now of the regular army.

Resolved That the proceedings be furnished the Decatur papers with the request that they publish the same and that a sufficient number of the papers be secured by the Secretary to supply each officer and member of the Executive Committee with one.

Resolved That the thanks of this meeting are due the citizens of Decatur and to our old comrades of this city especially for their efforts to accommodate us and make our meeting a success, and to Benj F Munroe for his efforts in getting us together, also to the press of the city for favorable notices of our doings in their papers.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Speeches were then made by Gen R J Oglesby, Cols Rhoads and Sturgis, Capt Caldwell, and others after which the meeting adjourned until July 24, 1871.

GEO S DURFEE, Sec'y

In visiting the fair grounds we noticed a splendid assortment of stoves on exhibition, manufactured by Messrs Perry & Co, of Albany, N Y, and found them entered for the premium of which we think they are deserving, more especially the American Hot Blast Cook and the Hot Blast Oriental Parlor. The looks as well as the action of the stoves, in our opinion, cannot be equaled. Messrs Close, Griswold & Co have secured the sole agency of them. By so doing they must meet with success, on account of their superiority over others.

Public Trial of the Babcock Fire Extinguisher at noon to day on the fair ground.

Don't climb those tiresome stairs when you can get your picture taken at Lapham's new art gallery, first floor, Opera Block.

Contentment.—To be contented is to be happy, and nothing tends more to render a man contented than to know just where he can get the freshest groceries and provisions and get them too at the lowest figures. Of the numerous houses in this city which cater to the wants of the inner man we know of none that offers greater inducements than that of Replogle & Co, Merchant street. Try this establishment and prove the correctness of our assertion.

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THE ELGIN WATCHES.

Testimonial from Major Powell.

We have been handed by the agent of the National Elgin Watch Company, the following letter from Major Powell, concerning the performance of an Elgin watch carried by him last summer during his remarkable voyage through the canons and over the falls of the Colorado. It was, of course, of great importance for the purposes of his observations that he should have timepieces whose rate should be uniform. He therefore provided himself with a Jurgensen, a Frodsham and two other pocket chronometers. While upon the plains before entering the canons an Elgin watch carried by Rev Mr Daniels, the historian of the party, excited Major Powell's attention by its correct running, and upon Mr Daniels return he obtained it of him. Of this watch, not specially selected for the service it was to perform, but thus accidentally obtained, he says:

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T M Avery, President of the National Watch Company

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J W POWELL

This practical test of the relative merits of the foreign hand made watch even where possessed of the highest degree of delicacy of finish with the American mechanically constructed timepiece, seems conclusive at least upon one point viz that the latter possesses in a much greater measure the combined qualities of *accuracy* and *strength* and is by far the superior watch for those whose business or calling renders it necessary for the timepiece they carry to be prepared for an occasional shaking. And as the latter is sometimes the lot of a portion of the American people, it follows that the American watch *sells* [illegible] Americans. And we have no doubt [illegible] all who carry them [illegible] watches now made in America are the Elgins.

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